



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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Convened: 5:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:26 p.m.

Present: F. DeToma, K. Bedard, D. Luis, M. Aiken, T. Cauley and J. Carbin Bryan.
Also in Attendance: L. Young, J. DeToma

Minutes of July 21, 2022:

F. DeToma moved to accept the Minutes of July 21, 2022.
D. Luis motioned to accept the minutes of July 21, 2022 as amended.
K. Bedard seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Warrants, Balances, Charts & Overdue Bills:

F. DeToma moved to accept the monthly warrant.
K. Bedard motioned to pay all bills if found to be correct.
F. DeToma seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
The total amount of all Warrants is \$47248.01. The motion passed unanimously

Previously signed:

Currently signed:	WC1E	\$2,983.38
	WC2E	\$7,213.36
	PRwk4	\$7,361.72
	OTwk4	\$179.88
	PRwk5	\$7,361.72
	OTwk5	\$190.20
	PRwk6	\$7,361.72
	OTwk36	\$98.68
	PRwk6	\$7,361.72
	OTwk36	\$91.52
	APO8/11/22	\$6,885.78
	AP-PRIMJUN	\$158.33

Covid 19:

No new information.

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SCADA:

A report on the progress of upgrading our system was had. Elm electric has put in their quote, we are waiting on ITS to send in theirs. The 3rd company did not respond.

Drought Discussion:

- The State is trying to mandate regulations (across the board) when we are in drought conditions. Water systems will have to implement mandatory water restrictions when the state is in drought conditions. All registered water systems are up for renewal. A stipulation for renewal; all water suppliers will do everything the same, no matter their size or if they have a well. We do not know when this will be implemented. M. Aiken read that MWRA (Quabbin) would not have to go under this mandate.

M. Aiken asked about inserting a sheet that the state sent, "Tips for Saving Water"

K. Bedard moved to insert the water saving tips. F. DeToma Seconded.

Discussion followed. L. Young did not think many would read the inserts. K. Bedard also felt the same.

- A vote was taken to put the insert into the water bills.
DeToma - Nay, Bedard - Nay, Luis - Nay, motion denied, Nays – 3, Yeh's - 0
- D. Luis motioned to put the water saving tips on the web site. F. Deoma Seconded.
DeToma - Yeh, Bedard - Yeh, Luis - Yeh. All in favor Yeh's - 3, Nays - 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Master Plan Status Report:

F. DeToma presented the matrix grid for Water District 2. It showed our goals, evaluation metrics and status as of July 2022.

Job Positions:

The position for Superintendent will be posted for 5 days in house. The new laborer position to follow. DEP would like all new information regarding who the new superintendent is within an 8-week period of M. Aiken retiring.

Elmer Brook:

At the previous Prudential Committee there was a discussion on donating the Elmer Brook Property to the state.

The Committee at this time must see if Article 97 is attached to the property before deciding to do anything with it.

L. Young stated that the Prudential Committee would like to move on the issue and would like to have a meeting with the Water Commissioners to discuss a possibility to give the lot to the town.

M. Aiken has discussed the property with A. Capra and stated that we (water dept) will not maintain the site if it is given to any entity.

Elmer Brook Committee will be meeting again, A joint meeting will be scheduled, and a site visit for the different committees will be set.

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Other Business:

- Jay Ouellette of Chicopee Concrete, M. Aiken and T. Cauley walked the area at Dry Brook looking for abandoned wells. Five were found. We would like to wait till the first snow to kill off growth for easier sighting. Mr. Ouellette told M. Aiken that our department has permission to go on his property to locate the wells.
- A meeting will be held to discuss any applicants for the Superintendents position 5:30 pm on September 1, 2022. At 5:45pm in-house applicant interviews will be conducted.

The next regular meeting of the Water Commissioners will be held on September 22, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Carbin-Bryan
Administrative Assistant