



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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Convened: 5:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:21 p.m.

Present: F. DeToma, K. Bedard, D. Luis, M. Aiken, M. O'Meara, J. DeToma and J. Carbin Bryan.

Minutes of December 9, 2021:

F. DeToma moved to accept the December 9, 2021.

D. Luis motioned to accept the minutes of December 9, 2021 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.

D. Luis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The total amount of all Warrants is \$48,864.74. The motion passed unanimously

Previously signed:

Currently signed:

WC7E	\$6,273.10
PRwk25	\$6,925.58
OTwk25	\$215.52
PRwk26	\$6,925.58
OTwk26	\$136.02
PRwk27	\$6,925.58
OTwk27	\$215.10
PRwk28	\$6,925.58
OTwk28	\$272.04
AP12/28/21	\$13,929.98
PRIM-NOV	\$120.66

Covid-19:

The building will be closed to the public starting January 7, 2022 due to the Covid/Omicron surge.

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Elmer Brook:

K. Bedard motioned to approve A. Capra's, (Director of Planning and Conservation for South Hadley) sending the Lithia Springs Access – Elmer Brook proposal concept to J. Soper, Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Discussion on the subject follows,

M. Aiken described a visit from a gentleman/customer who recently came to the Water Department office upset with what we were doing on our property (his property abuts ours). The loggers had left some debris on the ground. He was concerned he would be unable to get his boat out. Abutters have access to our gate. Some use our property to get their boats, cars etc. on and off their property. They have been allowed access to our property for many years. In March of 2017 a letter went out informing the residents that they would need to hand in their key for the gate but would still have access as long as they came here, signed the key out and returned it when done. For the time being this is still being allowed.

M. O'Meara was concerned that an abutter may try to use adverse possession as they have been doing this for so long.

K. Bedard stated that she believes that is only for residential properties; this is public land it may be different.

K. Bedard felt strongly that no one should have possession of a gate key. D. Luis agreed.

D. Luis suggested the locks be changed and that we request the abutters to remove their property from our land.

F. DeToma was concerned regarding the consequences of doing such. He suggested we install trail cameras for trespassers. F. DeToma suggested a new letter be sent to abutters, written by our counsel.

F. DeToma moved to resume discussion at the Prudential Committees meeting.

D. Luis motioned to table the discussion till the Prudential Committees meeting on the 11th of January 2022. K. Bedard seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Preliminary Budget Discussion:

M. Aiken discussed the need for a new SCADA system. He stated that it would need to be a complete system. This would include new electrical, new program, computers etc. The cost proposal for this new system is \$78,000.00. The Commissioners asked if K. Neylon would come in and speak on the SCADA system.

Employee Discussions:

Employee meetings have been tabled due to covid.

Other Business:

The Water Commissioners will be attending the Prudential Committees zoom meeting on January 11, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

The next meeting of the Water Commissioners will be a zoom meeting held on February 3, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Carbin-Bryan
Administrative Assistant