

# **BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**

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# Minutes of the Water Commissioner January 6, 2021

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Convened: 5:32 p.m. Adjourned: 6:02 p.m.

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

### Minutes of December 16, 2020:

F. DeToma moved to accept the December 16, 2020.

D. Luis motioned to accept the minutes of December 16, 2020.

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 \$42,364.87. The motion passed unanimously

### Previously signed:

## Currently signed:

WC7E	\$10,228.52
PRwk26	\$6,789.75
OTwk26	\$162.31
PRwk27	\$6,789.75
OTwk27	\$182.32
PRwk28	\$6,789.75
OTwk28	\$259.88
AP-PRIM-NO	\$15.96
AP12/17/20	\$9,167.79
AP12/30/20	\$1,978.84

## Covid 19:

We had a conversation on the increase of COVID-19 cases. M. Aiken stated his main concern is to keep everyone working and healthy. Our offices are still not open to the public for this reason.

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#### **North Pole Estates:**

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2020. A letter composed by F. DeToma to be sent to Sharon Hart, (Board of Health Director) was reviewed.

The letter states that the Board of Health has the authority to assure that the wells on the property at North Pole Estates, are properly decommissioned. Legislation can be found in the MA code of Regulations (CMR) regarding this. Chicopee Concrete has still not complied with the deactivation of the wells. The Water Commissioners do not have the authority to enforce the decommission whereas the Board of Health does and as such the Water Commissioners urge the Board of Health to require Chicopee Concrete Services to engage a certified well driller to properly decommission these wells.

## Free PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) Testing:

The Water Department tested for PFAS last year at a cost of \$2000.00. The State is now offering free PFAS testing to Water Departments. M. Aiken spoke with a representative of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and was told they will except our first test from last year. M. Aiken stated we will be doing a second round of testing.

### Sanitary Survey:

We have completed the Sanitary Survey Compliance Plan for the DEP. All of the corrective actions have been within the timeframes specified. A hard copy was sent out to the DEP with a request they contact us when it is received. M. Aiken has said he has tried to call them on several occasions and left messages for someone to contact him. We still have had no communication from or with the DEP.

#### Tree at Elmer Brook:

The tree at Elmer Brook needs to be taken down. The people living in the area spoke with T. Cauley asking when will we be removing it. F. DeToma agrees that the tree needs to be taken care of. K. Bedard suggested we go out for bids, D. Luis agrees. T. Cauley will be asked to get bids on the removal of the tree.

### Other Business:

- M. Aiken has tried several times to contact the gentleman who struck one of our hydrants on Morgan St. He has not been successful. M. Aiken spoke with our insurance company and knows the driver has not reported it to his Insurance company yet. D. Luis suggested that M. Aiken call our insurance representative again and see what can be done.
- The first hydrant that was hit on Amherst Road has been replaced and the bill sent out for the repairs.
- M. Aiken stated that we need to start working on 2021/2022 budget at our next meeting.

The next meeting of the Water Commissioners will be held on February 11, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Carbin-Bryan Administrative Assistant