



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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Convened: 5:37 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.

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

Minutes of June 11, 2020:

F. DeToma moved to accept the June 11, 2020.

K. Bedard motioned to accept the minutes of June 11, 2020.

D. Luis 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 \$60,099.32. The motion passed unanimously.

Previously signed:

Currently signed:	WC13E	\$15,627.92	
	PRwk51	\$6,789.75	
	OTwk51	\$182.32	
	PRwk52	\$6,789.75	
	OTwk52	\$91.16	
	PRwk1	\$6,789.75	
	OTwk1	\$84.36	
	PRwk2	\$6,789.75	
	OTwk2	\$266.68	
	AP06/16/20	\$12,404.69	(WC12EALREDYSIGNED \$14591.62)
	Longevity 2020	\$2,400.00	
	AP06/24/20	\$517.17	
	AP6/30/20	\$1,366.02	

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Covid-19

- As essential workers the water department employees have been working through the pandemic. Some employees were able to use a little vacation time while others have not and have many days accrued. A brief discussion followed on the usage of vacation days. All employees are healthy and working.
- There was a conversation between the Fire Chief and Superintendent about re-opening the building.
Not many customers are coming to the building, and at this time, there is no time frame on when we will open the building to the public.

Annual District Meeting:

The next District meeting will be held on September 12, 2020 (More information to follow).

M. Aiken suggested that we do not raise the water rates at this time with so many out of work. The Water Commissioners agreed. M. Aiken asked if we would be able to move our surplus cash into the 2020/2021 budget; he will be speaking with B. Miller on this subject.

North Pole Estates:

M. Aiken has left several messages for the DEP regarding the aquifer area. No one has contacted him as of today.

There is a Planning Board Meeting on July 14 at 5:30 p.m.

A quick conversation regarding the North Pole Estates was had; there was no new information to discuss.

Sanitary Survey:

- Water Dept. employees have started the installation of the continuous chlorine analyzer with ITS.
- The trees at the tank will be removed if found to be hazardous.
- The emergency response plan is due in December 2020.

Lead & Copper Sampling:

Our lead & copper sampling is done every 3 years and it is now time to do it again. T. Scheinost will be delivering 20 sample bottles on July 10 to customer homes and will picking them up on Monday.

The Schools are closed and we are unable to sample them. If they open in September, we will take samples.

Parking Lot:

The Water Dept. has put in an access road for the hydrants in front of the building.

We had a question regarding the trees that had to be moved. F. DeToma emailed the resident and let her know because if the trees did not survive a transplanting (due to the weather) we will plant new trees.

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Other Business:

- Backflow testing has been completed.
- New sprinkler line was put in at Torrey Hall MHC.
- A new line will be put out behind the Equestrian Center (pit). We will be working with MHC on the project.
- The drought level is at a two (2) the Commonwealth declared a Level 2- Significant Drought in the Connecticut River Valley, Western, Central, and Northeast regions. A Level 2 declaration indicates that conditions are significantly dry and should be monitored.

The next meeting of the Water Commissioners will be held on Thursday the 13th of August 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Carbin-Bryan
Administrative Assistant