



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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Convened: 5:35 P.M.

Adjourned: 6:05 P.M.

Present: F. DeToma, M. Aiken, D. Luis, K. Bedard, J. Carbin Bryan also in attendance J. Menard

Minutes of November 8, 2020:

F. DeToma moved to accept the minutes of November 19, 2020.

D. Luis motioned to accept the minutes of November 19, 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 \$84,900.23. The motion passed unanimously.

Previously signed:

Currently signed:

WC6E	\$10,934.61
PRwk20	\$6,789.75
OTwk20	\$175.52
PRwk21	\$5,789.75
OTwk21	\$238.79
PRwk22	\$6,789.75
OTwk22	\$211.29
PRwk23	\$6,789.75
OTwk23	\$91.16
PRwk24	\$6,789.00
OTwk24	\$-
PRwk25	\$6,789.75
OTwk25	\$84.36
AP10/31/20	\$19.60
AP11/25/20	\$26,506.49
AP11/12/20	\$6,942.16
VD18757(11/25/20)	\$(188.97)
AP11/27/20	\$147.47 WC6E

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Covid-19:

We have had one (1) positive case in house and they have been cleared to come back to work. EMS will be first for the new vaccine, we do not have any dates as yet. Water Department employees may be in phase 2.

North Pole Estates:

The Planning Board Meeting for the 14th of December has been postponed till the 11th of January 2021. All parties are anxious for a decision on the permit.

There is a concern on how many homes are to be built (2) and the amount of fill Chicopee Concrete would like to remove.

We are still waiting on the decommission of the well(s) issue that has not been addressed by the Board of Health. It has been found that there is no record of proper certification of well abandonment.

M. Aiken has received a response from the State DEP. This has been forwarded to S. Hart of the Board of Health, the relevant legislation is cited; it is embedded in language having to do with certification of well drillers and monitoring of their activities. In sections 43.03 (2) and (3) appear to be germane; authority for regulating well drilling activities rests with the Board of Health.

Amherst Road Hydrant:

Photos of the hydrant were distributed. Insurance and Police Department information will be submitted for the replacement of the hydrant.

Cyber-Security:

A hacking campaign has gained access to private information from a number of government and industry organizations, including the U.S. Departments of Treasury, Commerce and Homeland Security. The cyberattacks, were carried out by compromising a software platform produced by a vendor called SolarWinds.

M. Aiken attended a security meeting today regarding this.

The federal government would like us to self-assess our systems.

Free PFAS Testing:

There is a new maximum contaminant which decreased to 20 ppt.

We have done the PFAS testing prior (2019, paid for by our department) and passed.

Free testing is available, and we may be conducting an additional test. M. Aiken will be speaking with DEP in regards to this.

Unhealthy Trees around Tanks:

The Park Street Tank area has been cleared out by Mount Holyoke College, they did a great job of it and the area looks great.

The Skinner Lane Tank area will be taken care of by Lydon Tree Service. This needs to be done before December 27, 2020 (for the DEP).

Other Business:

- The Office will be closed on for the snow event on the 17th of December.

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- F. DeToma will arrange to meet with M. Aiken to draft a letter to the Board of Health regarding the decommission of the wells on the North Pole Estate property.

The next meeting of the Water Commissioners will be held on January 6, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Carbin-Bryan
Administrative Assistant