

Foxboro Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

Open Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2016

Members in Attendance: Michael Stanton, Chairman; Richard Pacella, Vice-Chairman; and Robert Garber, Secretary

Others in Attendance: Robert Worthley, Superintendent; Roger Hill, DPW Director; Chris Gallagher, Town Engineer; Bera Danau, Foxboro Reporter; Mr. and Mrs. Odler, 186 East Street and Ginny Coppola, Foxborough BOS

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Stanton.

Matters Discussed:

Rules and Regulations

Bob Worthley asked the Board to consider the changes to Article 4, Paragraphs 1, 6, and 11 and the addition of Paragraph 9. Attorney Steven Madaus has reviewed the changes and approved them. After some discussion, the Board will review the changes and vote on them at the next meeting.

At 7:05 the public hearing was opened. Robert Garber read the Legal Notice.

Michael Stanton presented the Board's position with regard to the need for an increase and the proposed 6% increase. The improvements and maintenance costs are the basis for the needed increase. At Town Meeting, 16.5M was approved for infrastructure improvements. He also discussed the rate study and the process that was used to project the increases over the next 20 years. Other Board Members were in agreement and felt that the rate study was important to understand the future needs and was a proactive step going forward. Roger Hill also went into some detail regarding the improvements that are currently scheduled to be done and new water sources.

The meeting was then opened for questions/comments from the public.

Mrs. Maria Odler asked for some clarification regarding the water sources with regard to the quality of the water. Bob Worthley explained that it is necessary to remove the iron and manganese levels. Mr. Odler questioned the percentage amount and why it has been so much over the last 5 years. It was explained that much of the maintenance had been deferred and is at the point where the maintenance is not optional and must be done. He also asked if the Town would have enough water supply with the new wells. The Town will have enough water with the new wells. Mr. Odler asked if the rate charges are the same for residential and commercial users. The rate charges are the same.

There being no further comments or questions, Robert Garber moved to close the public hearing. Richard Pacella seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Robert Garber made a motion to increase the water rates, re-use water rates, and sewer rates to six (6%) percent as of July 1, 2016. Richard Pacella seconded the motion and there being no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

There was a Change of Ownership for 99 Central Street with existing sewer (fee is paid). Upon motion of Richard Pacella and seconded by Robert Garber, it was voted to accept the Change or Ownership application.

Upon motion duly made by Robert Garber and seconded by Richard Pacella, it was voted to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne L. Zinni

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These minutes of May 23, 2016 were approved on June 6, 2016



Robert T. Garber, Clerk