

Foxboro Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

Open Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2020

Members in Attendance: Mike Stanton, Chairman; Ricard Pacella, Vice-Chairman (remote); and Robert Garber, Secretary (remote)

Others in Attendance: Bob Worthley, Superintendent (remote); Manny Pacheco, Assistant Superintendent(remote); Chris Gallagher, DPW Director

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

7:05 Discussion and Vote on Water and Sewer Rate Increases

Michael Stanton read the legal notice that was duly advertised and opened the public meeting.

Michael Stanton moved to waive the reading of the public notice. Richard Pacella seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and all were in favor. It was noted by Chairman Stanton that there were no citizens at the hearing and there was no public input provided prior to the meeting.

Discussion – The rate study has been updated to reflect the proposed FY21 budget. A 6% increase is consistent with the previous year rate study, and is in line with the commitment of the Board to continue to improve the system.

The reuse water rate was previously set to 75% of the water rate and does not require a separate vote.

A motion to raise the water rate by 6%, effective July 1, 2020, was made by Robert Garber. The motion was seconded by Richard Pacella. The motion was approved three in favor; zero opposed.

Robert Garber made a motion to increase the sewer rate by 6%, effective July 1, 2020. After discussion, Richard Pacella seconded the motion. The motion was approved three in favor; zero opposed.

Michael Stanton made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Richard Pacella seconded the motion. The motion was approved three in favor; zero opposed.

Not Anticipated within 48 Hours Notice

Superintendent Worthley presented a revised section of the Water Regulations for Article 4 – Meters. The revision is to accept two drawings - one for Indoor Water Meter Setting 1.5" and larger, and another for Indoor Water Meter Setting – 5/8" to 1". The meter setting being done by plumbers has been horrendous. Without a drawing for them to specifically follow, they are doing whatever they want, oftentimes not leaving room for the water meter. Some of the larger meters are being set 15-20 feet in the air. Residential settings often see backflows installed over meters and the electronics. These drawings will be part of the enforceable regulations.

Chairman Stanton wanted to confirm that this regulation applies to new construction. This was confirmed by Bob Worthley.

Commissioner Garber asked if these drawings meet an industry standard of best practices. This also was confirmed by Bob Worthley.

A motion to accept the new drawings "Indoor Water Meter Setting – 5/8 inch to 1-inch Meters" drawn by OSD LLC dated 4/6/2020 and "Indoor Water Meter Setting – 1-1/2" and Larger Meters" drawn by OSD LLC dated 4/17/2020 into the Rules and Regulations, was made by Robert Garber. A second was made by Richard Pacella.

The motion was approved three in favor; zero opposed.

Upon motion duly made by Robert Garber and seconded by Michael Stanton, it was voted to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

These minutes of May 5, 2020 were approved on September 15, 2020



Robert T. Garber, Clerk