

Foxboro Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

Open Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2022

Members in Attendance: Mike Stanton, Chair; Richard Pacella, Vice Chair, and Robert Garber, Secretary

Others in Attendance: Chris Gallagher, DPW Director, Robert Worthely, Water Superintendent

Discuss PFAS Litigation

Chris Gallagher explained that Foxborough was approached by a lawfirm to pursue PFAS contamination litigation.

Mike Stanton asked questions including; How do they prove liability? What are the damages to Foxborough? Mansfield received SRF Funding for PFAS, how much was it? Are there any firms that have a track record with PFAS?

Bob Garber asked why we wouldn't get involved and begin the process on behalf of our rate payers?

Mike Stanton suggested we discuss in more depth at a future meeting with more information in hand.

Discuss FY24 Rate Study

Bob Worthley explained he has had requests from rate payers, including several senior citizens to help slow the increase to minimum bills.

Rich Pacella asked how we set our minimum rates? Should it be the revenue required if everyone used minimum water?

Chris Gallagher explained that rates were set previously in a tiered system in order to support the operation. There are different methods. We're going to contract with HDR to provide some options on the rates.

Bob Boette to discuss minimum bills

Bob Worthely will update Bob Boette on our rate study plan and if we need to discuss further in person we will add to next agenda.

Project Updates

Mass DOT will be issuing their approval for the Raw Water Main project on South St over Rt. 495.

West St water main as part of the dam, and when available will continue installation after dam is complete.

Route 1 – Request by Kraft for plastic pipe. Board will require Ductile Iron.

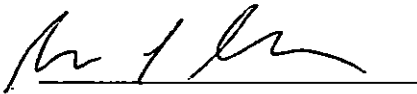
Action Items:

Motion to approve the minutes from Mat 17, 2022 was made by Robert Garber and seconded by Richard Pacella. Vote was taken and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Upon motion duly made by Robert Garber and seconded by Richard Pacella, it was voted to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

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These minutes of September 6, 2022 were approved on January 24, 2023



Robert T. Garber, Clerk