



TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH, MA
Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

Meeting Minutes – May 23, 2023

70 Elm Street

Ted Whitehouse Meeting Room

Members Present: Michael Stanton, Chairman, Richard Pacella, Vice Chair and Robert Garber, Clerk

Town Staff Present: Chris Gallagher, DPW Director, Bob Worthley, Superintendent, Lance DelPriore, Town Engineer

Meeting Initiation – 7:00 PM

Quorum reached. Mr. Stanton called the meeting to order.

Public Hearing on Water & Sewer Rate Increases – 7:05 PM

Mr. Pacella read the public hearing notice and moved to open the public hearing. Mr. Garber seconded the motion and the board voted 3-0-0 in favor of opening the hearing.

The board discussed how the newly proposed Maximum Contaminant Level for PFAS of 4 parts per trillion is driving the need for development of expanded treatment facilities. The first proposed project is our largest producing well site at Chestnut Street with an estimated project cost of approximately \$15,000,000. The DPW is still reviewing options and meeting with attorneys for potential litigation against PFAS contributors to help offset the significant costs of treatment now placed upon the Town and rate payers. The new rate structure will help the board be more strategic with rate increases to offset some potential impacts to certain sensitive user groups.

Seeing no one in attendance for public comment, Mr. Pacella moved to close the public hearing and Mr. Garber seconded the motion. The board voted 3-0-0 in favor of closing the public hearing.

Mr. Pacella made a motion to accept the Water FY24 Rate Structure – May 23, 2023 as provided (attached). Mr. Garber seconded the motion and the board voted 3-0-0 in favor.

Mr. Pacella made a motion to accept the Sewer FY24 Rate Structure – May 23, 2023 as provided (attached). Mr. Garber seconded the motion and the board voted 3-0-0 in favor.

CIP Appointment – 7:16 PM

Mr. Pacella made a motion to reappoint Chris Gallagher, DPW Director, as the board's representative to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Mr. Garber seconded the motion and the board voted 3-0-0 in favor.



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MFN Appointment – 7:17 PM

Mr. Pacella made a motion to reappoint Chris Gallagher, DPW Director, as the board’s representative to the Mansfield Foxborough Norton Regional Sewer District. Mr. Garber seconded the motion and the board voted 3-0-0 in favor

Sharon/Foxborough Sewer IMA – 7:19 PM

Mr. Gallagher informed the board that the Sharon/Foxborough Sewer IMA was not ready to sign by the time of the meeting as anticipated. Sharon Gallery attorney is requesting a commitment by each town to seek special legislation to extend the IMA to 99 years rather than just the 25-year term limitation as allowed by statute.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – 7:24 PM

Minutes for March, 28, 2023 and April 11, 2023 meetings were not yet ready for approval.

Superintendent’s Report – 7:25 PM


Discussions with the Water Resource Commission (WRC) regarding various demands for Witch Pond are ongoing. The WRC request for herbicide application has shifted. We are now only being asked to apply herbicide on phragmites just outside the 400ft Zone 1 buffer area. The DPW is still concerned that as the environment is aquatic in nature, the herbicide will still inevitably migrate to within Zone 1 buffer area and this cannot be prevented.

Bid was opened for the South Street and Cedar Street Raw Water Main Improvements. PJ Hayes was the apparent low bidder and has been sent a notice of award. Bid alternate for plastic pipe was cheaper, but ductile iron was still within available bond limits. As a more reliable and known entity, ductile iron is the preferred pipe material for the project.

Meeting Adjourned – 7:30 PM

Mr. Pacella made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Garber seconded the motion and the board voted 3-0-0 in favor.

These minutes of May 23, 2023 were approved on June 13, 2023


Robert T. Garber, Clerk