



TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH, MA
Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2023
70 Elm Street

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.

Discussion on Rate Study –

Presentation by Shawn Koorn from HDR

Sewer will need a 4.5-5% increase but can hold tier structure

Water – with PFAS Treatment Plant going into design utilizing FY24 capital funding, and then SRF Funding of \$14 million for construction, looking at a significant increase over the next couple of years. If EPA PFAS rule goes into effect, we will need to build a total of three treatment plants.

Looking at options of restructuring the tiers in our rates in order to maintain a level base rate while bringing in the revenue required.

Mike – we have had residents come forward over the last couple of years looking for reprieve on consistent rate increases.

Bob W – this structure will help those residents that are using less than the minimum.

Shawn will continue to refine the new rate structure as we head towards town meeting, the FY24 budget being set, and the rate hearing in May.

Discuss Route 1 Sewer Study

The EPA through the efforts of Congressman Auchincloss has awarded Foxborough a grant of \$400,000 to further study the sewer along route 1. The grant requires a 25% match, that has not been budgeted by either the General Fund or the Sewer Enterprise. The Board requests that the staff request reallocating this funding to PFAS.

Discuss EPA Proposed PFAS MCL

EPA has released a proposed national primary drinking water regulation (NPDWR) for PFOA and PFOS, as well as for four additional PFAS and their mixtures. The proposed MCL would be 4 PPT for each of PFOA and PFOS. The Water Department has submitted an application to the



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state for SRF to construct one PFAS Treatment plant. If EPA finalizes this regulation, all of Foxborough's wells will be above the limit.

Abatement Request 43 Green Street

Bob Worthley explained that the customer claimed the leak was on the irrigation system.

The Board discussed the fact that the water went through the meter, so it must be paid for. The customer is also on town sewer, so if they were able to provide additional details that the water did not flow into the sewer, consideration may be given for an abatement for the sewer portion of the bill. Staff will reach out to the customer.

No vote taken at this time.

Abatement Request 12 Pavson Rd

Bob Worthley explained the high water bill was due to a running toilet and the water went through the meter.

Bob Garber made a motion to approve the abatement for 12 Payson Rd. There was no second on the motion, therefore there was no vote on the request.

Topics not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in Advance of the Meeting.

DPW Director and Commission received a letter dated March 23, 2023 from the Meadowview Homeowners Realty Trust and their representative George Georgenes. On February 8th, 2023 a water leak was discovered on Tucker Lane (a private road). The homeowners trust contacted RM Pacella to find and repair the leak. The trust paid RM Pacella and is not seeking reimbursement by the Town for the repair.

The Board discussed that Tucker Lane is a private road, the Water Department does not have an easement to access the water main, so therefore the water main and all services are private and the responsibility of the Trust.

Bob Garber made a motion to approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$5,518.32. Mike Stanton seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 0-2, 1 abstention.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:10 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 March 28, 2023 were approved on August 9, 2023

Robert T. Garber, Clerk