

Foxboro Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

Open Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2023

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

Others in Attendance: Chris Gallagher, DPW Director, Robert Worthley, Water Superintendent,  
Lance DelPriore, Town Engineer

Meeting Initiation - 7:00 PM

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

Discuss FY24 Rate Study

Mike asked the staff what their recommendation is for the rate alternatives based on discussions with Shawn Koorn.

The staff recommends the proposed alternate 2 for the water rate restructure for following reasons;

- Adjustments made to the Tier's

- Fixed minimum dropped to 500 CF

- The rate increase is more significant to larger residential users which is directly tied to Irrigation

- Diminimous on non-residential side

The staff recommends the sewer rates be increased by 5%.

Bob G appreciated that this new structure holds the bottom line for smallest residential users.

Bob G made a motion to advertise the sewer rate hearing up to 5% increase, along with a water/reuse tier restructuring hearing on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Motion was seconded by Mike.

Discussion on the motion:

The rate increase is dependent on needing an extra 12% revenue for the required SRF borrowing for the PFAS Treatment plant design and future construction.

The new bottom water tier addresses the residential concern on the

The restructure will also instill conservation measures for irrigation use which is part of our overall department goals.

Based on the historical data this restructure will cover the anticipated need for FY24.

Motion was made and seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 2 in favor, 0 against.

Discuss PFAS Litigation

Mike has a 10:00 meeting tomorrow with Jay Barrows – to discuss how the current political administration plans to help the municipalities.

Bob – are they going to help litigate, is it up to the state or each town individually

Mike – WRC is there any help to be had

Mike – is concerned that we are not currently above the DEP thresholds, so we may not have any damages to litigate and thinks we should discuss more in the future.

Project Updates

West St continues with the water main installation.

The Raw water main project has a bid opening May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Leak Detection has been completed for Spring 2023


Action Items:

Motion to approve the minutes from Jan 24, 2023 was made by Robert Garber and seconded by Mike Stanton. Vote was taken and approved by a vote of 2-0.

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

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These minutes of April 11, 2023 were approved on November 13, 2023

  
Robert T. Garber, Clerk