

Foxboro Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

Open Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2018

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

Others in Attendance: Bob Worthley, Superintendent; Dennis Naughton and Pat Stevens

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

Dennis Naughton asked about the effect that the expansion of Route 1 would have on the water supply, especially due to the water restrictions that were put in place recently. Bob Worthley explained that 1) the water restrictions are seasonally mandated by Mass DEP, and therefore do not have a direct relationship to the Town's water supply, and 2) there is a surplus of ground water to cover the planned expansion. Therefore, there is no danger to the Town's water supply.

Rate Hearing

At 7:05 p.m. Chairman Stanton opened the meeting for the rate hearing. Robert Garber read the official Notice of Rate Hearing for the water, re-use and sewer rates.

The proposed rate increase numbers are 4.5% for the water and re-use and 3% for the sewer.

There was some discussion regarding the previously conducted rate study, as well as about usage, and the necessity of the rate increase. There was a discussion regarding how rate increases were handled in the past. This Board wants to maintain rate increases on a consistent basis. The water and re-use increases would cover debt service, improvements and maintenance. The sewer increase would cover debt service and maintenance.

At 7:20 p.m., Robert Garber made a motion to close the rate hearing and Richard Pacella seconded it. All were in favor.

Robert Garber moved to accept the proposed rate increases of 4.5% for water; 4.5% for re-use water and 3% for sewer. Richard Pacella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Water Re-Use

Dan Krantz is going to meet with Bob Worthley and Chris Gallagher to discuss the logistics of flushing the system and the need to maintain the eBay tank. There was also a discussion regarding the necessity of using blue dye for re-use water.

Work at Chestnut Street Station 1

The archaeological study delayed the project, however, AECOM is now proceeding with the permit applications. The specifications are being prepared. We are looking to break ground in the spring of 2019.

Monthly Billing

Sean Osborne will be at the June 5, 2018 meeting to discuss the monthly billing.

The meeting minutes from 5/8/18 were presented. Robert Garber made a motion to accept the meeting minutes; Richard Pacella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Superintendent's Report

1. There was discussion about the taps that are being installed at Patriot Place.
2. The hydrant flushing is ongoing. We are looking into some problems with the pressure on Chestnut Street from the railroad tracks to Dunkin Donuts. The flushing was shifted to South Street for the time being.
3. Several leaks have been identified. The crew is working on fixing them.
4. The letter supporting re-use water use at the Stadium is done. Michael Stanton will sign and send it.

Upon motion duly made by Richard Pacella and seconded by Robert Garber, it was voted to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne L. Zinni

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These minutes of May 22, 2018 were approved on June 18, 2018



Robert T. Garber, Clerk