

**Minutes
Of
The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners
September 3, 2013**

Members in Attendance: Chairman M. Stanton, Vice Chairman R. Pacella, Clerk B. Garber, DPW Director R. Hill, Town Engineer B. Swanson

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

The Board discussed what the percentage of the increase to the rates should be. The hearing will be on September 30th and the ads need to be placed this week. The Board was informed earlier this year that a 12% increase was needed in both water and sewer to cover FY14. A 6% increase was made in June. Whatever percentage the Board recommends can be lowered but it cannot go any higher. The rate needed is at least 6%.

A motion to recommend a water rate increase not to exceed 8% was approved 3-0.

A motion to recommend a sewer rate increase no greater than 8% was approved 3-0.

A request has been received from Frank Mortimer of the Foxboro Reporter to email him the purpose, percentage and date of the Public Hearing as he is not available to come this evening. He is also requesting a history of water and sewer rate increases over the past ten years.

M. Stanton would like a history of the past 15 – 20 years. The purpose is the cost of materials and capital costs. The Board discussed sending Mr. Mortimer information about the do nothing scenario that will cost the current ratepayers \$18 million. This information needs to get out to the public in advance of the rate hearing.

R. Hill stated that the moving of the pipe on Chestnut Street should help to resolve the black water problem at Putnam Place. He surmised that the residents using water when they got home in the evening resulted in a high velocity in the 6 inch line which stirred up the sediments. Now that the line has been moved to the larger pipe, the sediments shouldn't be dislodged as much.

Atty. Madaus is writing the advertising for the modular DPW building. There are specific requirements for modular buildings that he is familiar with.

M. Stanton would like to see funds for a department audit put in a future budget.

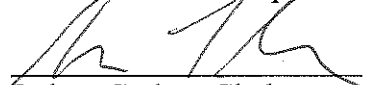
B. Garber would like to have a comprehensive accounting of all the accounts being held by both the water and sewer. R. Hill will work on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

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These minutes of September 9, 2013 were approved as amended on September 23, 2013.


Robert Garber, Clerk