



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Cotuit Fire District Water Department

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04/27/2022

The monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Tom Hoppensteadt, Commissioner Mark Robinson, Commissioner Scott Horsley, Superintendent Chris Wiseman and Office Manager, Jennifer Nash was present. Guest Presenters Casey Goodwin and Peter Frederico were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and was opened to public comment. There was none at this time.

The Superintendent report was given for the prior month.

Monthly Pumpage Results are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>+/-</u>
March	9,048,000	6,578,000	+2,470,000

Stats:

Replacement Services = 1; New Services = 0; Leaks = 0
Increased usage due to flushing which started early (in March) this year.

Updates:

- Operator JR Gallagher continues the flushing program, making good progress, will be completed early this year due to early start date and good weather.
- Operator Jon Medeiros is conducting a valve exercise program, he is ¾ of the way done.
- Little River flow is back up. Cape Cod Mosquito Control dug out the outflow pipe.
- Water table is at 50% with 1" less rain on average in the current month.

The Superintendent gave the water quality report noting that there were no Total Coliform detects. Sodium, PFOS, Nitrate, and Asbestos results are still pending.

A Septic Upgrade presentation was given by Casey Goodwin titled COTUIT I/A SEPTIC STUDY FEASIBILITY REPORT dated 4/27/22. The presentation can be viewed as part of the meeting video by following this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPr_4BOBw10.

The presentation included Nitrate results from Well #1, relevant parcels in Zone II by parcel type and information regarding 3 other local pilot programs. The study examined the impact of using NitROW WWTS Tank systems and quarterly monitoring of results. It also included information regarding project cost, subsidy options and potential funding sources. Mr. Goodwin noted that the biggest lessons learned was to invest time in community outreach to attract and secure participation and the importance of transparency throughout the process and building trust with the community.

Peter Frederico presented a proposal for potential uses of the Cotuit Elementary School property. The presentation can also be viewed by following the link above. He addressed the environmental concerns for use of the property as it falls within the Zone II contribution area of the Station #3 wellfield. He reviewed the conditions for reuse, and impacts on the environment, society, and economy. He recommended that the district perform a community needs assessment to identify desired uses.

The Board voted to approve the February 16 2022 and the March 16, 2022 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Robinson introduced some edits to the FAQ document, asked for the staff to expand upon some of the items in it (conservation restrictions, land use, DEP & EPA watershed) and to include information on Cybersecurity.

Superintendent Wiseman noted that the District's cybersecurity includes protection by a closed loop fiber optic system, WAN Network that is password protected, Firewalls with enhanced security and a maintenance contract that includes technology updates.

Mrs. Nash reviewed a request by the Holy Ghost Society for a leak adjustment. The hall had a toilet leak that went undetected for a couple of weeks. It has since been repaired and the society made a payment in good faith. The Board approved the request and Mrs. Nash will contract the treasurer with the final billing information.

The meeting was re-opened to public comment, and again there was none.

The Board waived the May meeting considering the upcoming district meetings which include Budget & Candidates Night and the Annual District Meeting. The next regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, June 15th, at 5:30 pm. This meeting will take place in person at Freedom Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tom Hoppensteadt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" being more prominent and the last name "Hoppensteadt" written in a continuous script.

Tom Hoppensteadt, Chairman