



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Cotuit Fire District Water Department

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at Freedom Hall at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Tom Hoppensteadt, Commissioner Scott Horsley, Superintendent Chris Wiseman and Office Manager Jen Nash were present. Commissioner Robinson was not able to attend.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and was opened to public comment.

The caretaker (Chuck) for a property on Shell Lane attended to advocate for a leak adjustment due to a leak in an underground line behind the residence. The commissioners moved the leak adjustment item to the top of the agenda. They reviewed two leak adjustment requests (Shell Lane and Oxford Drive) and voted unanimously to approve the adjustments.

The minutes were reviewed and approved with an edit to the subcommittee assignments.

The water quality report was given noting that there were no total coliform detects in June. Nitrate results were reviewed at the prior meeting. PFOA/PFOS samples were done this week, results are pending. Sodium results were high in the treated water samples, raw water results were not yet available. Station #5 is pumping daily, and Commissioner Horsley will contact Rob Stein at the DPW to discuss de-icing road treatments. He noted that the State D.O.T. has not been responsive to local water quality concerns that he has submitted on behalf of other districts. Mr. Wiseman will reach out to Bruce Young with MWRA to ask for assistance with sodium concerns. He may be able to help identify the source and work with the state on road treatments. Commissioner Horsley will also contact Tim Pasekarnis of the Cape Cod Commission to see if the Cape is designated as a low salt use area.

The Superintendent report was given for the prior month.

Monthly Pumpage Results are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>+/-</u>
June	25,479,000	31,411,000	-5,932,000

Stats:

Replacement Services = 0; New Services = 0; Leaks = 0

Updates:

- Lower monthly usage over prior year can be attributed to the conservation measures and irrigation policy put in place by the board. Many district residents have installed private onsite irrigation wells. In June of 2021 the Cape was already in a drought advisory. The test well level in the Hyannis well is 25-50% and is starting to deplete, declining steadily since mid-June. The district has posted a voluntary conservation order as the July pumpage is starting to put stress on the stations. Two stations ran for 15 hours on 7/19/22 and Station #1 is less than 10 feet above the screen.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Program (LSLR) - Lead service line inventory is due by October of 2024 and any lead in water services will need to be replaced at a rate of 3% per year. There is State Relief Funds (SRF) available for the project but requires a dedicated fund set up in the budget. Funds can be reimbursed as they are spent. We can apply now for funding in FY24. Superintendent Wiseman will follow up and continue to research SRF funding opportunities.
- The motor at Station #5 died and the water department had to rent a unit until the new motor was available. The new unit was installed and is a FY22 encumbered expense.
- Underwater Solutions will be doing an inspection on both water tanks this Friday.
- The two properties that were in violation of the irrigation policy have both taken steps to install a private irrigation well. Both have suspended use of the Public Water Supply (PWS) for irrigation purposes and will send proof of the new connection when complete.

Commissioner Horsley reviewed the proposal from Tom Cambareri of Sole Source Consulting, LLC. to continue work on the Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP). It will be done in two phases: 1 - Assess and document flow direction to identify properties as the most likely contributors as well as the viability of the existing test wells in the Little River Estates neighborhood and 2 - Determine optimum locations for and install new test wells. Both expenses are approved from the new appropriation that was approved at the May 2022 Annual District Meeting.

Outreach & Education - Commissioner Hoppensteadt reviewed a flyer that he composed to help educate district residents on the sodium levels in the district. They would like Commissioner Robinson to review and edit. Distribution avenues would include Cotuit Currents/Civic Assoc. email blast, mailer or insert with bills, distribute to HOA's.

PFOA/PFOS Class Action Suit - Sandman Law Firm, who previously represented the district in the MTBE settlement, contacted Superintendent Wiseman regarding the Class Action Suit for PFOA/PFOS. They will defer the inquiry to Mark Boudreau for consideration and follow up.

The second round of the lien list was reviewed by the board, and it was noted that the final warrant will be signed at the August meeting. Any remaining unpaid amounts will be submitted to the town for lien in the next tax bill.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, August 17, at 5:30 pm. This meeting will take place in person at Freedom Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Hoppensteadt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tom Hoppensteadt, Chairman