



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Cotuit Fire District Water Department

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09/21/2022

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, Commissioner Mark Robinson, and Superintendent Chris Wiseman were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. and was opened to public comment. There were no members of the public present.

The minutes of the August 17th meeting were reviewed and approved.

The water quality report was given noting that there were no total coliform detects in August. Chlorine byproduct testing was completed (THM & HAA5). All results were well below the MCL. Lead and Copper testing was completed, and all 20 samples were also well below the MCL. Inorganic samples were taken, results are pending. Sodium, relative to other districts, are good, but still need to be monitored. Commissioners advised to reduce schedule to quarterly testing, rather than the escalated monthly schedule. They requested that we add sodium testing to the Station #5 ground water testing currently done by Tighe & Bond, and potentially increase the frequency of sampling.

The Superintendent report was given for the prior month.

Monthly Pumpage Results are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>+/-</u>
August	36,073,000	32,641,000	+3,432,000

Stats:

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

Updates:

- New service truck is scheduled to be built in January of 2023 with a February delivery date.
- Level III drought still in effect. Commissioner Robinson would like "NO LAWN WATERING" signs added to the existing notification signs currently in place. Superintendent Wiseman will order and distribute.
- The electrician and Rise Engineering will be visiting 4 of the pumping stations to evaluate the VFD's (Variable Frequency Drive) which powers the pumps (Station #5 has already been replaced). Replacements will

make us eligible for an incentive program and better usage rates with Eversource.

- Superintendent Wiseman will be on vacation from 10/9-10/17. Contact Jen Nash with any needs during that time.
- Operator Jon Medeiros successfully passed his D3 exam and only has one license (D4) to go to be fully licensed, surpassing all district licensing requirements.
- Operator Medeiros marked out the existing test well sites for Tom Cambareri of Sole Source Consulting, LLC. Mr. Cambareri is currently on vacation and Superintendent Wiseman will connect with him after he returns to the office in mid-October.

Commissioner Horsley is working on a Letter of Interest for the ARPA funding available through the County. The application is due 9/30/22.

The commissioners reviewed and recommended some additional edits to the "short version" of the Sodium Education and Outreach letter for publication in the upcoming issue of Cotuit Currents. Mrs. Nash will send the "longer version" to all email addresses on file to coordinate with the Currents Issue Date.

Commissioner Robinson recommended that the district adopt an "Affordable Access to Drinking Water" policy and reevaluate the rate tiers at the October meeting. This will be added to the agenda for discussion.

Superintendent Wiseman stated that the agreement for the PFOA/PFOS Class Action suit has been signed and that a follow-up call with Carla Bickrel of Baron & Budd is scheduled for September 26th.

Commissioner Horsley noted that a district resident, George Foy, would be hosting a "Meet & Greet" at his home on October 1st to discuss the future potential use of the Cotuit Elementary School. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, October 19, at 5:30 pm. This meeting will take place in person at Freedom Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tom Hoppensteadt".

Tom Hoppensteadt, Chairman