



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Cotuit Fire District Water Department

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11/22/2022

The monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at Freedom Hall at 5:45 p.m. Chairman Tom Hoppensteadt, Commissioner Mark Robinson, Commissioner Scott Horsley, Superintendent Chris Wiseman and Office Manager, Jen Nash were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. and was opened to public comment. There were none.

The minutes of the October 19th meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Horsley abstained.

Water Quality Report:

- No Total Coliform hits in October.
- Inorganics: Cyanide retested, no detects.
- Barium: Found in some rocks and enters water supply as rocks decay. It can also be found in some fertilizers.
- Awaiting new testing schedule from DEP.
- PFOA/PFOS Schedule will likely move to annual testing. CWD has been selected by DEP for the UCMR5 testing (Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 5) - a subset of PFOA/PFOS. More information to follow.
- Commissioner Robinson met with Dan Santos from the Town DPW regarding the road salt supply at the transfer station. He confirmed that it is NOT for residential usage, and that it is NaCl and not CaCl. He deferred to Rob Steen to discuss a change in supply, the associated cost and if they can target Zone II areas with Calcium Chloride vs Sodium Chloride to help mitigate the increase in sodium in the water supply.
- Commissioner Hoppensteadt confirmed with his contact at the Sate DOT that Route 28, Route 149 and Route 130 are reduced salt application zones.

The Superintendent report was given for the prior month.

Monthly Pumpage Results are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>+/-</u>
October	10,553,000	14,568,000	-4,015,000

Stats:

Rainfall in October 2022 = 6.22"; Rainfall in October 2021 = 5.74". Drought signs were still posted throughout the district in October, but have been removed as of the date of this meeting, as the drought level was reduced to Level I.

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

Project Updates:

- Source Water Protection/Test Wells: 15 of the existing 19 test wells are viable. He will likely need a surveyor and will make recommendations for additional test wells. Tom Cambareri will be invited to attend a future meeting (likely December) to provide an update.
- CPA Funding for Zone I preservation: Commissioner Horsley noted that there is funding available to protect Zone I areas and asked if there were any parcels that the district should consider for this purpose. Commissioner Robinson recommended the land behind 661 Main Street and will further investigate this property to see if it qualifies.
- PFOA/PFOS Class Action Suit - Documentation (Test Results) has been provided, no further update at this time.
- Affordable Access to Drinking Water Proposal: Commission Robinson presented his proposal and recommended that the district provide the first 20,000 gallons for free and increase rates on the higher (non-essential) usage tiers to make it a revenue neutral policy. The commissioners discussed that the WD has been collecting water revenue that exceed their operating and appropriation budgets and would consider a proposal that was not revenue neutral. All commissioners are in support of this proposal but would like to further discuss the rate structure and how best to implement it. Once they have a final proposal, they will hold meetings with the Prudential Committee and with the district residents for input.

The option for an executive session to discuss a personnel issue was noted on the agenda but was not needed.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, at 5:45 pm This meeting will take place in person at Freedom Hall, and then will return to Zoom for January, February and March.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom Hoppensteadt", written in a cursive style.

Tom Hoppensteadt, Chairman