



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Cotuit Fire District

Water Department

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The Board of Water Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 5:45 p.m. at Freedom Hall. Present at the meeting were Chairman David Churbuck, Commissioner Mark Robinson, Commissioner Scott Horsley, Superintendent Chris Wiseman and Office Manager, Jen Nash.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. and was opened to public comment. There were no comments at this time.

Superintendent Wiseman reviewed the results of the July Total Coliform reports. There were no detections. Chairman Churbuck compiles a Contamination Summary that was reviewed by the commissioners. Commissioner Robinson contacted the other Water Districts requesting historical sodium results and he has received them from all but one district, who relayed the state of their water supply in general. Commissioner Robinson will draft a letter to the town council and discussed having it signed by all commissioners from each district.

The superintendent gave his report:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>
July	27,172,000	28,292,000	+1,120,000

New Service = 0; Replacement Services = 0; Leaks = 0.

PFOS Class Action Suit = No new update. Case still open and active awaiting settlement.

W2/Payroll Issues = The "mid-July" response date has become "mid-August". Paychex has been instructed to reissue the W2's as the ones issued at the beginning of the year are indeed incorrect. Paychex expects to deliver the revised W2's sometime in September. Commissioner Churbuck will address this at the next scheduled PruComm meeting.

BLT/Conservation Restriction = Notice of hearing has been sent to abutters and delivered to the town and the BOWC. Commissioner Robinson will attend on behalf of the District/Commissioners.

Staffing = New hire, Timothy Rodrigues will be starting as a Junior Operator on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Commissioner Horsley and Tom Cambareri of Sole Source Consulting reviewed the PFAS results from the new test well samples and noted that the well behind the "pit at the stump dump" had a result of 15.8 (limit is 20) and has not exceeded the reportable concentration for the state. This same result is not currently present at the production wells. Commissioner Horsley recommends resampling to validate the results. The commissioners agreed to contract with Sole Source Consulting to recommend the next steps that should be taken to protect the water supply.

Commissioner Horsley then reviewed an I/A septic system option from Orenco which could provide a cluster or neighborhood system at the cost of about \$20k-\$25k per home. He noted that the Town sewer project is too long term to provide the protection that is needed for the wellfield now, and that the cost was estimated to be \$140k per house. He will invite a representative from Orenco to attend a future BOWC meeting to review the product.

There is no update on the Conservation Restriction for the Cotuit Elementary School property.

The Board reviewed a leak adjustment that was brought before the Board in the spring of 2023. The Board had requested that the customer install a private irrigation well to improve the conditions at the property and reduce the demand on the public water supply. The customer complied, provided proof of well installation and connection. The board voted unanimously to provide the agreed upon relief of \$5,781.00.

Rep. Diggs was not able to attend in person, and his aide was to join us via zoom, however the internet at the hall was down and we were not able to remote into the meeting. Chairman Churbuck will follow up with Rep. Diggs to confirm the filing date.

Chairman Churbuck noted that there has been conversation about revising the district website and wanted to ensure that the Water Department had an opportunity to provide input for the design.

The minutes for the July 24, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved.

In matters not anticipated by the Board, Mrs. Nash noted that the new office equipment has been received and installed and asked the board for their recommendations as to the disposal of the equipment. One of the computers will be repurposed for the field operators to use in their office for training sessions, meetings, and supply orders. All parties agreed that there was no value to the remaining equipment and that it could be disposed of so long as there was no proprietary information remaining on the hard drive.

There was no additional public comment. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday, September 18th at 5:45pm, to be held at Freedom Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



David Churbuck, Chairman
Board of Water Commissioners