



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Cotuit Fire District
Water Department

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05/20/2020

The monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held via a public Zoom Video at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Mark Robinson, Commissioner Tom Hoppensteadt, Commissioner Scott Horsley, Superintendent Chris Wiseman and Jennifer Nash were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. and opened to public comment. There was no public comment at this time.

The Superintendent report was given for the prior month.

Monthly Pumpage Results is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>+/-</u>
April	8,948,000	8,635,000	+313,000

Stats:

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

Project Updates:

- Flushing program, suspended earlier, resumed again on Monday the 18th in an effort to complete the annual maintenance project before the end of June.
- Station #5 pump cleaning and repairs are underway. Samples will be taken on Thursday, 5/21 and we will hopefully be able to put the station back online for the holiday weekend. The project is part of a special appropriation and will come in (slightly) underbudget for the project.
- Lien Letters were sent to residents who have a balance that is more than 365 days past due. 39 letters were sent representing \$6,324.53 in past due balances. Responses are due by June 17th to avoid further actions.
- Tank cleaning is ongoing at the West Street Tank. There is quite a bit of staining and Mr. Wiseman will follow up with the cleaning company to see what can be done.

Commissioner Horsley discussed a proposed irrigation and conservation policy at the April BOWC meeting. The commissioners continued discussing the best way to move forward with these regulations, provide public education, how to monitor installations and usage and the possibility of adding a price point for an irrigation only meter. The commissioners voted unanimously to issue a

90-day moratorium on any new automatic irrigation systems to the public water supply in the Cotuit Fire District (Effective 5/20/20 - 8/20/20). This will allow the commissioners time to do some public education regarding the proposed irrigation and conservation policy, solicit feedback and determine the effectiveness of the proposed policy. Commissioner Robinson will draft a press release and will work with the office manager for publication via local media, social media, and the district website. Superintendent Wiseman will work with the town plumbing inspector to help monitor any new connections.

Chairman Robinson provided a Powerpoint presentation with pictures of the former Main Street Tank site at 414 Main Street to discuss moving forward with a clean-up plan. He identified 13 different items or areas that need to be addressed. Superintendent Wiseman will work on this project over the next several months. Some of the work is dependent on outside contractors such as Eversource and TowerNorth and working with the Town on the Old Post Road ancient way access.

Commissioner Hoppensteadt reviewed the Capital Improvement Policy that was given to the Prudential Committee by the Policy Advisory Committee. He asked that the commissioner review the proposal and provide any feedback so that any adjustments can be included as they move forward with their proposal.

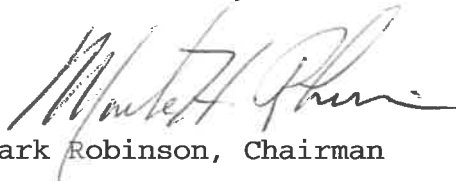
Chairman Robinson noted the upcoming district meetings in June (tentative dates subject to adjustment as directed by the PruComm):

- PruComm - 5/21/20 to finalize the warrant for annual district meeting
- Civic Assoc - Budget and Candidates Night - 6/16
- District Election - 06/23
- Annual District Meeting - 06/24

Ms. Parks, Chairperson of the Prudential Committee noted that these dates are subject to change and that COMM and Barnstable held their ADM outdoors. PruComm is looking into the possibility of getting a tent to accommodate this for our district.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 8th at 5:00 p.m., likely to be held via video meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Robinson", is written over a printed name.

Mark Robinson, Chairman