



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Cotuit Fire District
Water Department

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held via a public Zoom Video at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Scott Horsley, Commissioner Tom Hoppensteadt, Commissioner Mark Robinson, Asst. Superintendent Sean Bergman and Jennifer Nash were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and was opened to public comment. There was no public comment at this time.

Review and approval of prior meeting minutes was moved to the end of the meeting.

The Superintendent report was given for the prior month.

Monthly Pumpage Results is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>+/-</u>
August	44,877,000	36,998,000	+7,879,000

Stats:

Drought Conditions still in effect (Level 2)

Replacement Services = 1; New Services = 1; Leaks = 0.

Water Quality Report - All monthly bacteria samples were clear, and the perchlorate samples results were "non-detect" meaning they were also clear of contaminants. Chlorine byproducts (Trichloromethane and Haloacetic Acids) were well below MCL. Nitrate and Nitrite results were also received and are trending down from prior years.

Project Updates:

- Security System - Mostly complete. Few remaining items will be addressed in a conference call with GHD at the end of September.
- Santuit Tank Interior Cleaning - Complete - samples were clear, and tank is back online.
- 414 Main Street - Comcast equipment has been removed, waiting on Verizon to complete their work.
- PFOA/PFOS Samples were taken on Wednesday, Sept 2nd, results are pending. No estimated completion date but we anticipate that it will take some time for evaluation. The Superintendent will update the Commissioners with the results as soon as they are received.
- The resident on Roosevelt Ave. submitted test results from a sample that they took at their property. Results seemed out of line with our water

sample results and the district will conduct additional testing at this location.

- Vehicle lease application will be submitted next week. The representative that we had been working with left the organization and the new bids returned results for a Nissan Leaf which would not be an appropriate vehicle for the department. They are resubmitting bid requests for a hybrid.

Moving forward with the new business, Chairman Horsley introduced David Anthony, Insurance and Asset Coordinator for the Town of Barnstable discussed the status of the former Cotuit Elementary School building, noting that the town has approved it for demolition. Funding for this via the Capital Improvement Plan will likely not be approved until at least fiscal year 2023 so they are hoping to find a short term tenant to maintain the building, prevent vandalism and cover the basic expenses (electricity, water, heat) for the building. He noted that the cost to renovate it back to a school would be approximately \$4M but if the building was going to be used for office/storage space the cost of renovation would not be as extensive. All uses will need to be approved by the building inspector and repairs or renovations made in accordance with the desired usage. All parties agree that there is a desire to maintain the recreation fields, upgrade the septic system to improve nitrogen loading, and to not use the property for high density housing. Fire Commissioner, Rick Pisano will walk the property with an architect to see what would be needed if the district wanted to use it for office and storage space and coordinate with the Policy Advisory team. This team will act as a sub-committee as there are representatives from all boards on this committee, plus member of the public at large.

Commissioner Horsley then moved the discussion to the proposed irrigation policy. He noted that given the feedback from the workshop the district needs more time to conduct a hydrogeological study and conduct a district specific study of the impact of pumping on the surface water sources in the district. As they are not in a position at this time to invoke a policy, they made a motion to extend the moratorium on automatic inground irrigation systems for six months. This motion passed unanimously. They would like to publicize this on our webpage, social media, Cotuit Currents and with a mailing to the water professionals and residents via the October water bill mailing.

The commissioners were unable to complete the review of the prior meeting minutes before this meeting, and it has been postponed until the October meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, October 21st at 5:45p. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Horsley, Chairman