



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Cotuit Fire District  
Water Department

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09/22/2021

The monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at Freedom Hall and via a public Zoom Video at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Tom Hoppensteadt, Commissioner Scott Robinson, Superintendent Chris Wiseman and Office Manager, Jennifer Nash were present. Commissioner Horsley joined via zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and was opened to public comment. There was none at this time.

The minutes of the August 25, 2021 meeting were reviewed, amended to remove the statement regarding a cost estimate to paint the West St. Tank, and approved as amended.

The Superintendent gave the water quality report noting that there were no total coliform detections in August. Secondary Contaminant testing was done. The resulting manganese levels showed no change over the prior year. Sodium testing was completed at all 3 tank sites. Chlorine byproduct testing was completed (THM & HAA5) and the results are pending. PFOA/PFOS test results from the last round of sampling have been sent in and the next set of tests will be taken in January of 2022.

The Superintendent report was given for the prior month.

Monthly Pumpage Results are as follows: (totals added post meeting)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>+/-</u>
August	32,641,000	44,877,000	-12,236,000

Stats:

Replacement Services = 0; New Services = 1; Leaks = 2 (Water Main).

Project Updates:

- Cape still in Level I Drought, the rest of the state is not. The next test date is 9/30/21.
- Site cleanup at 414 Main Street - removed 20 tires from well field that have been dumped there over the past 30 years. Commissioner Robinson noted that AmeriCorps is once again accepting group projects.
- Operator Medeiros is taking the precertification class necessary for his D2 and T2 licenses.
- All operators will be attending the Hydrant Training and Trade Show hosted by Barnstable County Water Works Assoc. on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

- Rate increase card will be mailed with the October Minimum Use bills. A separate mailing will go to anyone not receiving bills due to a credit balance.

The commissioners discussed the proposed amendment to the Fines and Enforcement section of the Irrigation Regulation. They discussed some language changes to sections 1 through 4 and voted unanimously to adopt the section as amended during their discussion.

Commissioner Horsley noted that he has a group of students from Tufts that will be assisting with the source water protection plan. They will also be meeting with Bruce Young from Mass Rural Water Works to collaborate on this project. He is planning on a presentation of their findings in December, date and venue/zoom to be determined.

A mockup of the private irrigation well signs was reviewed and approved. Authorization was given to order 25 yard signs for district residents with onsite irrigation wells interested in displaying one.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 5:30 pm. This meeting will take place at Freedom Hall. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Hoppensteadt, Chairman