



TOWN OF MEDWAY
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

Commissioners

Leo O'Rourke, Chair

Francis E. (Ted) Kenney
Jr., Member

Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2017

APPROVED 09/11/17

DPS Conference Room
45B Holliston Street
Medway MA 02053

Leo O'Rourke makes a motion to open the Water/Sewer Commissioners meeting at 5:02 PM. Ted Kenney seconded, unanimous vote.

Leo O'Rourke makes a motion to approve the minutes from the 07/17/17 meeting. Ted Kenney seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Abatement Requests:

There are no abatement request but there is a request to reclassify the water and sewer charges from Commercial to Residential at the Medway Manor, 115 Holliston Street. The Medway Manor is a Nursing Home and the owners feel that because the residents reside there on a long term basis they feel the water rate should be charged at a residential rate, not the commercial rate they are currently charged. The applicant included a letter from the Massachusetts DOR Rulings and Regulations Bureau that states that they have not issued any public written statement that specifically defines "long term basis" in terms of a timeline. The Water and Sewer Commissioners discussed this and feel that this account is appropriately classified.

Leo O'Rourke made a motion to not reclassify the water and sewer charges from commercial to residential I. Ted Kenney seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Directors Report:

Mr. Smith informed the Commissioners that he has been working on scheduling a demonstration for Aquahawk, which is a software reporting system similar to the Water Smart technology. He also informed the Commissions that a leak was found on Delmar Road that is scheduled to be repaired. The Engineering Intern and a Highway Dept. employee who were performing outfall inspections found an 8" water main that was leaking.

Mr. Smith informed the Commissioners that we made a repair on Charles River Road that required shutting the water off to the whole street to fix two broken valves. The repairs were made and water has been restored to all. He also informed the Commissioners that the mixer motor at the Lovering Street tank was hit by lightning and damaged. The tank needs to be fully drained in order to make the repair as there is no access to the motor with draining the tank. Mr. Smith states that we are pricing the repair to include rewiring the motor so it will be accessible if future repairs are necessary. The mixer motor helps keep the high residuals up and prevents stagnation. Mr. Smith also informed the Commissioners that all tanks are due to be inspected at this time. Commissioner Kenney says that the inspections are a very valuable service.

Open Discussion:

Commissioner O'Rourke asks is there is a job description for the Compliance Coordinator? He requests a copy of the job description be forwarded to the Commissioners.

Commissioner O'Rourke asks how much of the Integrated Water Resource Management Plan, which was a Town Meeting Article that was funded through an SRF loan from the DEP has been expended to date?

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2017 at 5PM. The meeting will be held in the DPS Conference Room, 45B Holliston Street, Door 9, Medway, MA.

Ted Kenney made a motion to adjourn at 5:55 PM. Leo O'Rourke seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi LaPan