



# TOWN OF HALIFAX, MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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## MEETING MINUTES September 7, 2021

5:00 p.m. Donald Bosworth made a motion to open the meeting.  
Seconded by Richard Clark

*Motion Passes*

Present: Richard Clark, Chairman  
Donald Bosworth  
Bill Lindsay, Superintendent  
Kathleen O'Neil, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Daniel O. Bosworth, Jr., Clerk

### Meeting Minutes

Donald Bosworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 10, 2021, as written. Second by Richard Clark.

*Motion Passes*

### Tank Cleaning Project

Bill informed the board that the water tank is now clean. Underwater Solutions started the job on Tuesday of last week and completed it the next day. They discovered 24-inches of manganese in the tank. The tank was last cleaned in 2015. The agitator has been installed close to the middle of the tank; about ten feet from the bottom of the low tank alarm level. It is not yet in service because the power source has not been established. Bill has an appointment with AT&T tomorrow to see if the electrical set up for the agitator can be stored in their equipment shed.

Underwater Solutions usually recommends getting the tank cleaned every three to five years but in our case, they suggest having it done in two years to see what amount of sediment has built up. They believe the agitator will make a big difference.

Donny asked if the sediment is the cause of the recent discolored water calls. Bill said that he and Sully believe so based on the live video they watched during the tank cleaning. Only one resident has called to report discolored water over the last few weeks.

### Special Town Meeting

The Town Administrator would like to know which Commission member will be presenting the article for the new truck at the Special Town Meeting tomorrow night. Neither Donny nor Dick are sure they can attend. Dick stated his concern with the wording used for the article specifying that the truck is for the Water Superintendent. He feels it is too specific as the truck can and likely will be used by other staff members.

Union Negotiations

Bill let the board know that the staff has signed and ratified the mixed unit contract. The Selectmen are due to sign it this week. There is an article for Special Town Meeting to fund the contract.

Sprint/T-Mobile Site Modification Request

Bill forwarded the site modification request and plans over a month ago to Tata & Howard for their review. They emailed back that they would like several thousand dollars to review the request. Bill feels an extensive review of this kind is unwarranted as there is to be no welding being done on the tank. Bill has meeting with Jon Gregory of Tata & Howard on Thursday morning to discuss this project as well as our Emergency Response Plan and Training. Dick said he will attend this meeting so that he can personally inquire as to the status of the plant upgrades project.

ARPA Funds

Bill stated that funds are available for infrastructure work. Dick is concerned about starting another project when the plant upgrade work hasn't been sufficiently started at this point.

Trailer

The trailer that the former Superintendent purchased many years ago is now registered and insured. Bill plans to have it loaded with main break/leak equipment so if there is ever an emergency, the staff can just hook up the trailer and go.

Utility Cloud


Bill stated that he and the town's IT person have been discussing switching companies. Bill has been experiencing many technical issues on the cloud. The Town will remain with Utility Cloud through the end of the contract that expires in January 2022. The price will be approximately the same but the whole town will be able to use the new software.

Adjournment

6:05 p.m. Donald Bosworth made a motion to adjourn.  
Seconded by Richard Clark

*Motion Passes*

Approved,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald Bosworth", with a double slash at the end.