



# TOWN OF HALIFAX, MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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## MEETING MINUTES April 12, 2022

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

*Motion Passes*

Present: Richard Clark, Chairman  
Daniel O. Bosworth, Jr., Clerk  
Donald Bosworth, Commissioner  
Bill Lindsay, Superintendent  
Kathleen O'Neil, Administrative Assistant

### Meeting Minutes

Donald Bosworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 8, 2022 as written.  
Second by Daniel Bosworth.

*Motion Passes*

Donald Bosworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 22, 2022 as written.  
Second by Daniel Bosworth.

*Motion Passes*

### Water Ban in 2022

Dick feels that the Water Commissioners do not need to vote a water restrictions into effect. He thinks that it should be up to the discretion of the Water Superintendent. Dan and Don agreed.

Donald Bosworth made a motion to have the Water Superintendent make the determination that a water restrictions should be put in place.  
Second by Daniel Bosworth.

*Motion Passes*

### Backhoe Purchase

Bill informed the Commissioners that the used backhoe that the Water Department was slated to purchase is now going to be traded in by the Highway Department towards the purchase of a new piece of equipment. The used backhoe recently broke down and was repaired. The Highway Surveyor does not feel comfortable selling it because he feels it will break down soon and need constant repair.

### Discussion – 250 Lingan Street - Earth Removal Permit

A letter (attached) was submitted to the Board of Selectmen from Amory Engineers as a result of their review of a proposed bog reconfiguration. Amory listed several concerns due to the project being within the aquifer and well protection district of the Y Camp Treatment Plant. The Planning Board has requested the Water Department's comments.

Discussion – 250 Lingan Street - Earth Removal Permit (continued)

Dick and Don have definite concerns about digging down to the water table and the amount of dirt slated to be removed. Don asked Bill for a set of plans to look at. Bill provided plans entitled, "Site Plan – Proposed Bog Reconfiguration" by Grady Engineering, dated March 3, 2022.

Dick is concerned about the number of trucks going back and forth on Lingan Street. The Commissioners would like the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen to keep them informed.

Discussion – 344 Thompson Street - Akeke

Martin Akeke of 344 Thompson Street was a no show for his requested 5:15 p.m. meeting with the Water Commissioners to discuss his refusal to pay his water bill due to claims of discolored water. Bill told the board that there has been only one call received from Mr. Akeke complaining of brown water and that was in October of 2021.

Discussion – 368 South Street – Thibeault

Tom and Gail Thibeault were in attendance to discuss their continued discolored water issues. They brought in a recent water sample taken from the cold spigot of the bathroom sink. Tom stated that the water will come out discolored then run clear. They will have discolored water for a couple of days then it will be clear for a few days. The family is spending at least \$4.00 a day on bottled water. Tom said that when he collects samples the water is "red and rusty" once it settles. Tom assumes the sediment is heavy because it settles fast. Gail stated that when she fills the tub it will stay discolored through filling and leaves a lot of sediment in the tub when you drain it. She has seen discolored water various times and days. The family has been unable to find a pattern.

Don suggested having the sample tested for iron and manganese. Bill said the discoloration could be from high iron from well #4. He has tried shutting the gates on both South Street and Franklin Street but it didn't seem to help. Bill said that when he flushes the hydrant near their house, the water is clear then other times there is discoloration and a lot of sediment for a solid twenty minutes.

Don asked where the water line is located on their property. Tom responded that it is 110-feet from the street to the house and the line comes across the lawn opposite the driveway.

Per the board's instruction, Bill hired a plumber to inspect and clean the water lines to the house. The plumber took off the meter and blew out the line. He also flushed the water line. The plumber reported that he saw no discoloration and the water ran clear for 15 minutes.

Tom questioned the origins of the possible iron in the water and said the water filter in the refrigerator gets clogged real quick. Don questioned if installing a filter before the meter would help.

The sample brought in tonight will be sent to be tested. Gail stated for the record that she does not want her water sampled at Analytical Balance due to past experiences she has had with them.

This discussion will be continued at our next meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:10 p.m.

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Discussion – Chlorine Testing

Bill tested the chlorine level upstream of the Richmond Park outlet pipe and got a result of .16. Once reading is done Sully will test upstream in several spots. Bill has informed DEP of the situation.

Adjournment

5:55 p.m. Daniel Bosworth made a motion to adjourn.  
Seconded by Richard Clark

*Motion Passes*

Approved,

  
Daniel Bosworth, Clerk