TOWN OF HALIFAX, MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING MINUTES February 8, 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

Daniel Bosworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 14, 2021, as written. Second by Donald Bosworth.

Motion Passes

Treatment Plant Upgrades

Robert Sims from Tata & Howard was in attendance. Mr. Sims submitted the pilot test report to the state and it was approved. That portion of the permitting is now done.

The Board of Selectmen approved a request made by the Superintendent to use ARPA funds for a portion of Phase II of the water plant upgrade project. The Town Accountant is currently filling out the necessary paperwork/application to file with Plymouth County. Mr. Sims said he will add the additional items, that will be covered by the ARPA money, to the scope of work and revised contract.

Dan asked Bill about the numbers coming out of Richmond Park. Bill said they are lower. Bill purchased a 15-gallon jug of sodium bisulfate that he plans to put in the day tank. Sodium bisulfate hasn't been used in town since 2018. No one knew why we stopped using it.

Discussion - 368 South Street - Thibeault

Bill updated the board on the consistent discolored water calls received for this property. Bill regularly flushes the hydrant near the house as well as flushing Carver and South Street hydrants yesterday. Bill said that Sully thinks it may happen when the #4 well is turned off.

Mrs. Thibeault has been buying bottled water to give her pets and family and is taking her light-colored laundry elsewhere to wash it. Bill plans to have the staff flush the service line to the house. He'd also like them to have their hot water tank checked and/or cleaned. Dick suggested hiring a plumber, at the town's expense, to check the water lines and hot water tank. Bill said he would reach out to the Thibeaults with this offer.

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Treatment Plant Upgrades (continued)

Robert Sims stated that he will have an amendment to the scope of work and contract ready for the next Commissioner's meeting. In the meantime, he will continue with the design work. He will send the treatment alterations to Jim McLaughlin who is now the Deputy Chief. Mr. Sims stated that work is expected to begin this year.

5:55 p.m. Mr. Sims left the building.

PFAS Results

Bill informed the board that PFAS is now required to be tested quarterly as long as the results stay under ten. Anything over that will require monthly testing. The next round of testing is in April. The State has told Bill that our results are better than most towns. Analytical Balance does not test for PFAS. Samples have to be sent to a special lab through a courier.

Building Space

Bill stated that the Building Maintenance Committee has requested to move the Veteran's Agent office to the extra office in our building. Dick stated that we just went through the expense of having that office set up as our training/zoom conference room. Dan and Don both agree that too much time and money was spent to tailor the room to fit our needs. Dick added that it is also possible that additional staffing may be added to our department.

Highway Barn

Bill informed the board that all the Water Department's files and equipment are now out of the Highway Barn and put in the basement of our building. Our trucks are still being parked at the Highway Barn.

Adjournment

6:05 p.m. Daniel Bosworth made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Richard Clark

Motion Passes

Approved,

Daniel Bosworth, Clerk