



TOWN OF HALIFAX, MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING MINUTES June 11, 2019

7:00 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 A. Bosworth, Member
Keith Swanson, Superintendent
Kathleen O'Neil, Administrative Assistant

Meeting Minutes

Donald Bosworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 9, 2019, as written. Second by Daniel Bosworth.

Motion Passes

90 Redwood Circle

Frank Garibaldi who is a member of the board for the Halifax Mobile Home Estates came into the office to request that we install a water meter at a private residence located within the mobile home park.

Mr. Garibaldi stated that the park charges the property owner for its water usage since it is connected to the park's water service. However, the park has several rules about water usage that do not apply to this private residence which confuses the residents of the mobile home park.

Keith does not want to install a meter at this home because it would "open up a whole can of worms" including setting up a unique billing system. Dick Clark stated that there is no shut off to the house which means there is no recourse for non-payment of the water bill. Also, there is no town property located within the park which presents another problem.

Dick said he wants Keith to write a letter to the park board stating that it's up to them to deal with this situation. There is nothing the Water Department can do for them.

Additional Lead & Copper Sampling

Keith stated that he received a partial waiver of 20 samples versus the 40 that have been required this past year and a half. Keith feels that additional sampling requirement is excessive based on a single exceedance. Keith said he feels the lead and copper program is poorly run.

Annual Town Meeting

Keith stated that both the Water Department articles passed unanimously at town meeting. The articles submitted were for a new truck in the amount of \$34,000 and plant upgrades including roof replacements, updated chemical storage and feed equipment, piping, building repairs and related electrical SCADA systems at both plants totaling \$520,000.

Water Tank Inspection

The tank recently had a thorough inspection as part of the AT&T upgrade project. The ROV went down and found a lot of sediment in the bottom of the tank and walls that are stained. Keith spoke to John Gregory of Tata & Howard about the sediment. The both agreed that it is having no effect on the water quality.

Dick said that there's two schools of thought on that. One, that the sludge is good in that it protects the bottom of the tank. Two, is that it degrades the bottom of the tank. Donny asked how much it would cost to have a diver go in and vacuum it out. Keith responded \$7,000-\$8,000.

Union

Keith told the Commission that the Water Department staff is currently trying to join in the Highway Department's union. Dick said this is nothing new. Dick said many years ago he sat in on a couple union meetings where the union representative kept telling the staff that they "can't ask for that" and "can't ask for this."

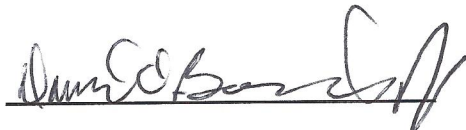
Dick wants Kathy to confirm that all negotiations go through the Water Commissioners and not through anyone at Town Hall. The Water Department is an enterprise account and any monies in or out must go through the Commissioners.

Adjournment

7:50 p.m. Donald Bosworth made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Daniel Bosworth

Voted Unanimously

Approved,



NOTE: NEXT MEETING DATE IS AUGUST 13, 2019