



TOWN OF HALIFAX, MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING MINUTES June 7, 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 April 12, 2022 as written.
Second by Daniel Bosworth.

Motion Passes

Discussion – Superintendent's Performance Review

Earlier this week, Dick Clark gave Bill his annual performance review. A copy of the review was shown to each of the Commissioners to get their approval before being submitted to Human Resources. Bill is entitled to an increase to Step 3 on his upcoming anniversary date. Dick would like to see this increased to Step 4. Dick feels the position is underpaid when compared with neighboring towns. He is concerned about keeping the position filled with a qualified candidate especially after several people in management positions at Town Hall have moved to other towns for higher pay. Both Danny and Donny agree.

Discussion – Proposed Summer Hours

Bill stated that the treatment plant operators would like to have summer hours similar to what the Highway Department staff has done. They would like to work 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dick questioned what the staff will do that early in the morning. Bill responded that they could start the backwash at the treatment plants or mow lawns before it gets too hot. Donny said another option could be that the staff rotate having these hours. Dick is concerned about the union contract verbiage and whether the Commission can change their hours. Danny said if the staff all agree to it, he's OK with it. Donny agrees. Bill said he will go with the majority and if all agree, they will try it out. Most importantly, Bill wants to make sure that they commit to the same work hours every day.

Discussion – Plant Upgrades

Two weeks ago, Ronald Conte an electrician for Tata & Howard was in to assess the plants. Bill got the impression that he thinks there is not enough room for the proposed electrical upgrades. Mr. Conte made a lot of drawings and diagrams. Dick would like to bring in Howie and Wayne from MA Engineering & Testing to have them review any proposed electrical plans as they are the ones that will have to repair it. Dick understands that this will cost additional money but he feels it is worth it. Danny and Donny agree.

Hydrant Issue – Fuller Street

A house is being built on a newly created lot on Fuller Street. The only access for the driveway has an existing fire hydrant right in the middle of it. The property owner would like the Commissioners to allow him to move the hydrant. The Commissioners agreed to allow moving the hydrant by a reputable contractor and follow the conditions outlined in the Water Department Rules & Regulations handbook. Dick said there should be a separate cap and not allow tapping off the existing line. The homeowner must pay for all expenses plus the \$2,000 system development charge.

Discussion – Upcoming Earth Removal Permit Hearing

Bill said that the public hearing for the earth removal permit near the Y Camp is coming up next week and invited the Commissioners to attend. Donny said he will go on behalf of the board.

Discussion – 368 South Street

Bill showed the Commissioners the results of the water testing for this home. The copper level is a lot lower than the original test taken from the sample the homeowners provided. Dick doesn't understand why the copper level is higher at the meter than at the sink. Bill stated that he discovered that the gate at Franklin Street was not open all the way. Dan suggested flushing that neighborhood again since the gate was partially closed during the last flushing. Bill said he will do that.

Discussion – Chlorine Testing

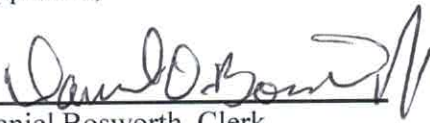
Bill stated that the DEP will be coming to town tomorrow to look into the high chlorine in the stream behind Richmond Park and see if they can offer any advice. When Bill recently tested the stream, the chlorine level was .19 upstream, .13 50-75 yards from the outlet pipe and .03 in the lagoon. Bill will test another stream in town to see what the chlorine level is.

Adjournment

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

Motion Passes

Approved,


Daniel Bosworth, Clerk