



TOWN OF HALIFAX, MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING MINUTES March 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

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

Motion Passes

Treatment Plant Upgrades

Robert Sims from Tata & Howard was in attendance to submit an updated proposal for engineering services for the treatment plant upgrade projects (attached.) The revisions were required based on the results of the EPA ordered pilot study. Mr. Sims obtained the costs for the electrical design and HVAC. These costs are inline with the ARPA submission. The inspection costs have doubled because the project is so much bigger.

Dick stated that no work has been done in almost three years. Robert acknowledged that and said that it was bad timing due to the EPA requirements. Robert said his best estimate to get the new roof installed is the start of winter at best. Bill asked if the plant will be online by December 1, 2022. Robert responded that it will be more like December 31st.

Dick stated that he is not happy that these things are being scheduled during the off season. Dick does not want to be told we have to wait until spring of 2023 to get the structure work started. Robert offered to put it in the contract that the roof has to be done before anything else.

Robert estimates that bid requests will go out mid-June with the bid being awarded in August.

5:30 p.m. Robert Sims left the meeting

Discussion – Warrant Article

A warrant article was submitted in the amount of \$520,000 to fund Phase II of the water treatment plant upgrades. The Finance Committee is looking to save the town money this year and is asking departments to consider withdrawing their requests for funding. Dick does not want to pull the article but is confident we will be able to pass it over at the Annual Town Meeting if we receive the ARPA funds we applied for.

Discussion – Verizon

Danny still has a town issued Sprint flip phone that telecommunication companies no longer support. Donny and Dick both recently replaced their iPhones through FirstNet. Danny will work with the town's IT person to secure a new phone.

Discussion - Richmond Park

Michael Schleiff and Tom Schindler of the Parks Commission were in attendance to formally request that the gate at Richmond Park is relocated in order to open up and expand the public area near the entrance. Once that is done, they would like to put out a few picnic tables.

Mr. Schleiff said that the gate doesn't have to be moved but could be left open. Dick asked who will close the gate and what the park hours will be. Don doesn't have a problem with the request as long as signs are posted to not block access to the treatment plant.

5:41 p.m. Bruce Nobel from the Parks Commission arrived.

The Park Commission is still working out the gate/park opening and closing policies. The season will begin April 1st and run through most of the fall.

The Water Department can only keep the first gate open. The second gate must remain closed at all times. Dick is concerned about trash build up. Tommy said he will make sure trash is taken care of.

The Park Commission will monitor activities and make adjustments when needed. Dick agreed to leave open the Richmond Park gate beginning April 1st with the stipulation that the Superintendent can shut the gate with no notice if he feels it is warranted.

Tommy said he will put up a no trespassing sign. Dick suggested installing it at the second gate.

Richard Clark made a motion to keep the first gate at Richmond Park open to allow access to the public area for the season beginning April 1st through November 1st.
Second by Daniel Bosworth.

Motion Passes

The Park Commissioners questioned if the Lingan Street ball fields are available for public use. The Park Commission has been considering using the fenced in ball field as a dog park. Bruce said he spoke to the Youth & Recreation Chairman, Richard Steele, who said that his group hasn't used those fields in several years.

Dick said the road to get back there crosses a zone 1 protection area which covers 400-feet around the well site. Dick had to fight with the DEP to allow the water department vehicles to traverse the road. Bill said that the DEP will definitely have a problem with a dog park in the protection area.

Discussion – 368 South Street – Thibeault

Bill updated the board on the consistent discolored water calls received for this property. The Water Department hired a plumber from Fitzgerald Plumbing in Plymouth to flush their water heater. The plumber stated that the water ran clear. Bill shut the gate at Franklin Street but the homeowner reports that the problem still persists.

416 Plymouth Street – Halifax Plaza

The new building in the rear of the property will be used for storage but the owner would like to install a bathroom. They plan to tap the existing 2 ½" water line. Bill is unsure how to charge them for the curb stop as the system was tapped before the meter. The owner must first fill out an application and pay the necessary fees. The Commission stated the fee should be \$1,000 for the tap and \$275 for the meter.

Adjournment

6:35 p.m. Daniel Bosworth made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Richard Clark

Motion Passes

Approved,


Daniel Bosworth, Clerk