

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
DRAFT
JANUARY 8, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip Knowles, Chairman
Mark Gallagher, Member
Richard L. Stone, Clerk

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Krom, Water Superintendent
Anne-Marie Yeo, Administrative Assistant

VISITORS: Kevin Harutunian Town Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM.

Minutes

The BOWC reviewed and approved the minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting.

Accruals

The Board reviewed the accruals report.

Financials

The Board reviewed the financial reports.

Resource Reports

The Board reviewed the withdrawal reports, and task sheet report.

Superintendent's Report

The Board reviewed the Superintendent's report.

Correspondence

Old Business:

Water Treatment Plant

The Superintendent told the BOWC that he had contacted Mass DEP regarding a waiver for the automated operation of the WTP. They require the plant be staffed, whenever it runs, until an automated operations waiver is granted. We will be eligible to apply for this waiver in March.

UAW water withdrawals still appear to be high they are about 20%, and there was another break on High Street. The use in the middle of the night still remains high. We have completed about 50% of a leak detection survey, which found a service leak on Ipswich Road.

NEW BUSINESS

The FY 2021 Budget

There will be an 8.6% increase in the FY 2021 Budget that will be submitted. The electricity, waste disposal costs and labor will be some of the important items.

PFA's

The testing methods have improved over the last few years and will result in much lower regulatory limits. We took 2 rounds of tests and 6 of the 18 listed chemicals were found. The DEP will be adopting new regulations for Maximum Contaminant Levels. This PFA issue will affect many areas which will need to be addressed: such as public notification, monitoring at the landfill and surrounding private wells and several other issues.

Water Restriction By-Law

The law needs to be amended since we no longer have a permit, and therefore will be unenforceable. This needs to be addressed in order to get on the warrant.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

The next regular BOWC meeting is scheduled for FEBRUARY 12, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Yeo
Administrative Assistant