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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, no in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted at this meeting. Board members will be participating remotely. For public hearings, access via Zoom is provided for the required opportunity for public participation.

In attendance via Zoom: Leo O'Rourke, Commissioner
 Steven Burke, Commissioner

Also in attendance via Zoom: David D'Amico, DPW Director, Barry Smith, Water & Sewer
 Superintendent, and Jill Karakeian, Program Administrator and
 Recording Secretary

Commissioner O'Rourke called the Water & Sewer Commissioners meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

Commissioner O'Rourke made a motion to table the minutes from the 7/14/20 meeting. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. A roll call vote was taken due to the nature of the remote Zoom meeting.

Abatement Requests

4 Howe Street

The Board asked Mr. Carr why the delay in filing for the Abatement. He said he was trying to find the problem out and was waiting for a few cycles to see if the bill would go down. The original bill was dated 8/29/19 and the Abatement was filed on 5/6/20. Based on their average consumption of the same like August bill cycle it appears that the leak represents 6,683cf. The breakdown is as follows: 6,683cf @ \$14.11(tier 3) = \$942.97 that could potentially be abated.

Commissioners tabled the abatement to decide on abatement amount due to the lack of response after a number of attempts from the DPW.

Board Reorganization:

Commissioners tabled until September meeting.

Water Treatment Plant Discussion & Satellite Well at Populatic Discussion:

Superintendent Smith says the Pilot is complete and they are meeting with the Environmental Partners to go over the building layout, what is needed and what we don't need, administrative section and garage space.

Commissioner O'Rourke asked about the location. He questioned the need for room for the capacity of 8-14 people. Superintendent Smith explained that we have 8 people now and as more regulations are put into place, there will be a need for more people. Director D'Amico clarifies that all other buildings will be demolished except for actual Well building. Environmental Partners is evaluating restricting the plant to the current location or using the three parcel property just purchased. That review entails using the two lots that abut the Charles and leave the remaining house lot untouched in hopes that it could be sold. Due to space limitations and conservation issues, it may not be possible to use the existing location.

I&I Update:

Superintendent Smith gave a status update on I&I. Superintendent Smith has a meeting on Thursday afternoon (08/20/2020) with GHD to go over findings to date. The design is just about complete. Reviewing the scope to stay within budget.

Commissioner O'Rourke asked if there were any leaks found. Superintendent Smith stated that the system has leaks, but he is not sure of the details. That will be discussed on Thursday.

Superintendent Smith states there is definitely I&I – we are down about 300,000 gallons a day right now with the dry weather.

Superintendent Smith states that the camera van is complete and back in Town. Training of staff has begun. It should be out on the road soon in a combination training and sewer inspections.

Commissioner Burke asked if it was the van to detect leaks. Superintendent Smith stated it will serve a variety of purposes for sewer and drainage inspections including leaks.

Directors Report

Director D'Amico discussed the two on-going water main projects. Holliston Street is almost complete to Lovering Street where the contractor will then turn onto Lovering. The other contractor is working on the Brentwood project. All are moving right along and considered to be on scheduled. Superintendent Smith said he was told that KJS (Brentwood contractor) is looking to bring in a subcontractor to do all the water tie-ins (main to curb). That could well allow KJS to finish that whole project this year.

Commissioner O'Rourke asked about Lovering Street where he saw activity. Superintendent Smith said there are two water mains on Lovering Street. The north side has an old 6" that will be abandoned and everything that was tied to that 6" will be moved to the new 12" on the south side. Everything is complete except for ne tie-in for the School and the disconnect on Lovering Street which is part of the Holliston work.

Superintendent Smith states he got a call from the leak detection company. They have been in town for the last 3-4 weeks. They have found just two service leaks and one hydrant leak. Essentially the water system is looking very good.

Commissioner O'Rourke asked about the online customer meter reading program. Director D'Amico explains that we moved our Sensus meter reading to a cloud based platform so the Town no longer uses in-house servers. That move changed how AquaHawk receives data. They are still getting data from the old servers as the two systems are running in parallel until we complete acceptance of the new system. We continue to have about 40 +/- meters that are still not reading correctly most caused by areas of poor radio communications. These, combined with another 60 +/- meters with intermittent communication depending on the time of year with leaves on the trees, will need local reads.

The next meeting has been scheduled for September 8, 2020 at 6:00pm.

Commissioner O'Rourke made a motion to adjourn at 6:27pm. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously. A roll call vote was taken due to the nature of the remote Zoom meeting.