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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: Michael Callahan, Chairperson
Leo O'Rourke, Commissioner
Steven Burke, Commissioner

Also in attendance via Zoom: Carol Pratt Finance Director, Barry Smith Water & Sewer Superintendent, Susan Segarra Fin Com Liaison, Selectmen Dennis Crowley and Kelly Millette Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary

Chairman Callahan called the Water & Sewer Commissioners meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

Commissioner O'Rourke made a motion to approve the minutes from the 04/14/20 meeting. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Abatement Requests

16 Blueberry Hill Road

This is a sewer only account, the applicants have a well. They were notified on 02/03/20 that they had a probable leak. They obtained dye tabs from the office to check toilets and they checked outside spigots, faucets etc. and found nothing leaking. They then contacted a plumber. It turns out that their water softener/whole house filtration system was leaking. Based on their average consumption of the same like February bill cycle it appears that the leak represents 4,620cf. The breakdown is as follows: 4,620cf @ \$11.65(tier 3) = \$ 538.23 that could potentially be abated.

Commissioner O'Rourke made a motion to abate \$158.56 in sewer charges. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously. A roll call vote was taken due to the nature of the remote Zoom meeting.

50 Winthrop Street – Medway Community Farm. The Medway Community Farm is a town sponsored non-profit organization. Please abate all outstanding balances. Ms. Millette provided the consumption history for the past few years. Per the request of the commissioners Ms. Millette will email all documentation for board to review for the next meeting.

Commissioner Callahan made a motion to table these abatement requests. Commissioner O'Rourke seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously. A roll call vote was taken due to the nature of the remote Zoom meeting.

FY21 Water and Sewer Rates Discussion

Commissioner O'Rourke stated he was not ready to put together a recommendation until he received historical data from Director D'Amico. Finance Director, Carol Pratt said timing would be ok to put in front of the Board of Selectmen for vote.

Commissioner O'Rourke made a motion to table until next meeting on 6/1/20. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. A roll call vote was taken due to the nature of the remote Zoom meeting.

Water Treatment Plant Discussion & Satellite Well at Populatic Discussion:

Superintendent Smith stated that Environmental Partners will be doing the test holes in the next few weeks. Then next would be the boring's and test for P's. All in which would take about a month. Commissioner O'Rourke put forth the possibility of putting together a working group that oversees the project. Selectman Crowley felt another group overseeing the project may be too much. Superintendent Smith stated that DPW, BOS, and the companies themselves are doing the overseeing.

Superintendent Smith gave a status update on I & I. Superintendent Smith stated they have completed Zone 8 and 25% of Zone 9, and laterals in Zone 11. Superintendent Smith also advised that the Town will be doing most on the leak repair on their own. Commissioner Callahan asked if any major leaks have been located. Superintendent Smith and Selectman Crowley stated that they have located 2 significant leaks and repairs have been done There will also be smoke testing performed next month.

Directors Report:

N/A

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:00PM.

Commissioner Burke made a motion to adjourn at 7:06 PM. Commissioner O'Rourke seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously. A roll call vote was taken due to the nature of the remote Zoom meeting.