

Town of Wilmington
Water & Sewer Commission
August 17, 2023 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met on August 17, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Present were Chairman Michael Camoscio, Commissioner George Allan, Commissioner Robert LaVita, Joseph Lobao, DPW Deputy Director, and Recording Secretary Kimberly Surette.

Approval of Minutes June 15, 2023 Meeting

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2023 MEETING OF THE WATER & SEWER COMMISSION.

Billing Adjustments & Correction

There were no billing adjustments or corrections.

12 Walnut Street – Water Main Extension Wavier

Due to high levels of radon in their private well, the owners of 12 Walnut Street have inquired about connecting into the Town's water supply via an 8" water main that exists just shy of their property line. Due to an abundance of ledge in the area, they had requested a waiver of Water Department Rules & Regulations which require an applicant to extend the water main to the further edge of their property with a fire hydrant at the end. Upon review by Town Council, based on Supreme Court decision, it is believed that the water main in Walnut Street is not Town owned. Therefore, the agreement to connect will remain between two private parties. The Town will still inspect all the work to make sure that the connection meets safe drinking water standards. In addition, connection fees will apply and a meter will be installed for quarterly billing purposes.

Monthly Report

The June and July 2023 monthly reports were submitted to the Commission for review.

Lead Service Line Inventory Grant

The Environmental Protection Agency recently revised the Lead and Copper Rule, a regulation that is geared towards improving the quality of drinking water. As part of this revision, Public Water Suppliers are required to complete a full inventory of water service lines connected to the distribution system. MassDEP accepted the Town's application through their grant program to hire a consultant to complete the inventory and reporting requirements on behalf of the Town. This project is underway with Green International.

MWRA Amendment Request

The Town will be submitting a request to amend the existing water supply agreement with the MWRA. The Town is currently contracted with MWRA to allow withdrawal of up to 219 million gallons per year (MGY) of MWRA water (0.6 MGD on an average daily basis) but is *approved* through the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and Interbasin Transfer Act (ITA) to obtain up to 620.5 MGY (1.7 MGD on an average daily basis). This offset was the result of there being a "buy-in fee" at the time of MWRA entrance which made it feasible to only contract

for regularly anticipated volumes, rather than contracting for the total approved amount of water and overpaying for a higher than needed cap.

In September of 2022, the MWRA Board of Directors voted to allow a five-year waiver of the entrance fee which would allow the Town to contract for the full 620.5 million gallons per year without any added cost beyond the amount of water used. This opportunity is advantageous for the town of Wilmington. In recent years, Wilmington has had to request withdrawal in excess of the allowed 219 million gallons due to drought conditions. While the contract limit will increase, the Town is not automatically obligated to use more MWRA water. This request will provide Wilmington with the operational flexibility to draw upon more MWRA water on an as-needed basis if it is necessary.

Aeration Tank Repair- Sargent Water Treatment Plant

The Town received one bid for the Aeration Tank Repair at the Sargent Water Treatment Plant. Layne Christensen Company bid \$131,637, an amount that is higher than the budgeted amount of \$120,000. Deputy Director Lobao requested the Commission to approve a transfer of \$30,000.00 from the Barrows Wellfield Capital Account to cover the overage. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO TRANSFER \$30,000 FROM THE BARROW'S WELLFIELD CLEANING ACCOUNT TO THE AERATION TANK REPAIR – SARGENT WTP ACCOUNT.

Faulkner Avenue Water Main

An in-house project to install approximately 260' of 8" ductile iron pipe on Faulkner Avenue between Allston Avenue and Jacobs Street is near completion. Once the bacteria sample is received the water will be turned on.

Other Business- There was none.

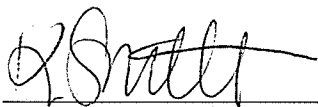
Public Comment Period – There was none.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is September 21, 2023.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Kimberly Surette, Recording Secretary