

WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING JULY 18, 2022  
4:30 P.M. WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Commissioners present: Robert Janes, Chair, Larry Corcoran and Jack Duggan  
Mike Gootée, Superintendent and Jodi Bertrand, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 4:26.

Review balances, correspondence and draft minutes from June 13<sup>th</sup>, Janes moved to approve the minutes, unanimous. (Executive session minutes May 5, 2020 and August 17, 2021 are still not being released at this time)

**Flushing Hydrants for fire flows**- Tata & Howard is working on the Distribution/Hydraulic study but Gootée has told them to put a hold on this portion (fire flows) of the study (until fall) since we are in a water restriction and there would be too much water lost.

**Pipestave Tank Rehab** – DN tank has not given Gootée a clear answer regarding cost since the project was delayed, materials might go up but they said they will not increase the price for labor.

**Capping the Old Brake Hill Standpipe site**- They capped 6' of lead abatement. It was very expensive to fill with loam. After Duggan's suggestion, Gootée will look into some sort of wordage to be put in deed/records so that in the future they know that there was lead in the soil.

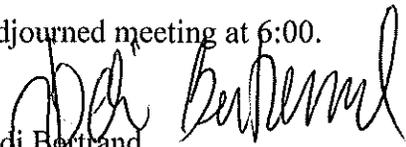
**Brake Hill Water Tank**- First year inspection was done. Gootée has not received report but it went well.

**Select Board's request for public hearing**- Gootée and Duggan discussed the need for more information from Select Board/Town Manager as to what regional collaboration they are requesting. Possibly writing up a list of question/options or a face to face meeting with the board. Duggan will write up a draft letter to give to Select Board and at the next meeting (August 22nd) we can go over it.

**Other Matters:**

- Water restriction level raised to one day a week (Wednesday) for now.
- Deer Run has the okay from DOT to dig across road for 8' water main to be installed.
- Dole Place comments from Select Board meeting; a discussion took place.
- Review applicant's resumes for Licensed Operator and Superintendent/Manager positions. Only one resume was received for Gootée's position and 2 unqualified for the Operator Position.
- Waiting for agreement from Newburyport to move forward with the PST rehab in spring 2023.

Adjourned meeting at 6:00.

  
Jodi Bertrand  
Administrative Assistant