

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 13th, 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