

WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING JUNE 20, 2023
8:00 A.M. WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Commissioners present: Bob Janes, Chair, Jack Duggan and Larry Corcoran
Mark Marlowe Superintendent and Jodi Bertrand, Administrative Assistant

Rick Parker, Select Board and Angus Jennings, Town Manager

Meeting called to order at 8:00.

Review balances, correspondence and draft minutes from May 15th.
(Executive session minutes from May 5th and August 17th being held) Janes moved to approve May 15th minutes, unanimous.

Tata & Howard Rate Study Update: Marlowe spoke to Steve; John is looking it over and will get back to Mark with time frame.

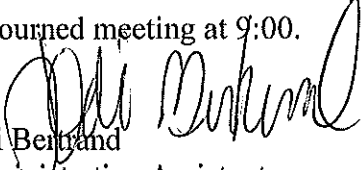
Pipestave Tank Rehab Update- Marlowe updated commissioners on final steps to finish project.

Budget, EOFY Bills- Janes went over balances. Jennings said the ARPA funds are available to use for Church and Prospect Street. Bertrand will speak to Jenny Walsh, Town Accountant and get account/general ledger numbers so we can use this for any future bills.

Newburyport IMA Review- Jennings started the discussion regarding having public meetings just to be able to talk and review with selected members would cause snags and change dynamic of discussion. Jennings brought up letter he sent to the Newburyport Mayor Reardon. Bertrand pulled copy for board to look at. Duggan asked about open meeting law and if it affects Newburyport also, Jennings said it would. Duggan stated that the Water Shed Protection gives Newburyport security in water quality yet West Newbury pays for all costs related and still get no reduced rate from Newburyport. The working group (Jennings, Town Manager, Select Member/Parker, Conservation member and Marlowe, Superintendent) would be at the meetings with Newburyport then each member could go back and discuss negotiations. Select Board and Water Commissioners would still have to have a majority vote to approve any decisions.

Stipends- Discussion about how to proceed with the Water Commissioners future stipend. Duggan suggested sending out a survey looking for feedback from water rate payers since they are the ones funding the operation budget. Parker said that since the town is now looking to help the Water Department it may be a gesture for the Water Commissioners to stop accepting the stipend.

Adjourned meeting at 9:00.



Jodi Bertrand
Administrative Assistant