

WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MARCH 10, 2021
9:00 A.M. (by remote participation-GoToMeeting)

Commissioners present: Robert Janes, Chair, Richard Cushing and Larry Corcoran
Mike Gootée, Water Superintendant and Jodi Bertrand, Administrative Assistant
Remote Participation- none
Janes read the Governors Remote Open Meeting Law Addendum.

Meeting called to order at 9:35.

Review balances, correspondence and draft minutes from January 27, 2021, Janes moved to approve minutes, Cushing seconded, unanimous. (Executive session minutes May 5th are still not being released at this time)

Tata & Howard Contract- Gootée let commissioners know the contract went up due to more hours \$1,500.00.

New Tank and Chemical Building- (New Tank) Gootée said they had to empty 150,000 gallons out of the tank because of ODOR residuals being too high. It was refilled and re-tested and samples were brought to Nashoba Analytical March 9th.
(Chemical Building) Gootée said DEP plans to be here for a pump test in April.

FY-2022 Articles & Town Meeting- Gootée has been working on the budget. Town Manager, Angus Jennings just sent him an email last night which Gootée copied for all of us to read at a later time. Gootée has submitted two articles to CIC for the Town Meeting. One article is for \$500,000 to BE transferred from free cash to stabilization for capital improvements and the other one is for \$270,000 to make repairs to the Pipestave Water Tank.

Additional Employee- Gootée would like to discuss numbers when he is able to look into budget more. He would also like to have another meeting to go over final budget numbers.

Other Matters:

- Gootée contacted Tank Company on the request of a mural on Pipestave Water Tank. Gootée suggested a better location may be the Water Barn Building.
- Babe Ruth Baseball Field irrigation: Mike sent Jack Foley an email explaining the situation with the ball field. The spigot was being used to control dust. In the past others have been using it for sprinklers. Gootée can draft a letter to Park and Rec to ensure it is not being abused and would like to see plans of the line they wish to install from existing spigot to the pitcher's mound.
- Discussion on purchasing land at Dole Place took place between commissioners. Gootée and Commissioners would like to ask BOS to have an executive session meeting and state how important it would be for West Newbury's future water supply to purchase this land and ask that they pursue getting a land price. Gootée will draft a letter to send to BOS and will have commissioners approve it.

- Gootée suggested that the on-call pay for the FY-22 Budget be increased \$100.

Adjourned meeting at 10:40.

Jodi Bertrand

Administrative Assistant

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, appearing to read "Jodi Bertrand". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.