

WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING JUNE 15, 2021  
9:00 A.M. WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Commissioners present: Robert Janes, Chair and Richard Cushing  
Mike Gootée, Water Superintendent and Jodi Bertrand, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 9:02.

Review balances, correspondence and draft minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup>, Janes moved to approve minutes, Cushing seconded, unanimous. (Executive session minutes May 5<sup>th</sup> are still not being released at this time)

**New Tank and Chemical Building-** New Tank has been in service and everything is running very well. Gootée said that before the old tank is taken down, they need approval from MassDEP. Once it's drained, the sediment needs to be tested for asbestos which is a cost of approximately \$1,000.00. The Chemical Building Pump Test has been tested with MassDEP (Nick Zessoules) and all went well. Nick Zessoules will be approving the use of Chemical Building but only approved for the existing wellfield and Newburyport. Once the PFAS test results on the bedrock well comes back okay, Nick Zessoules will approve the new bedrock well to be put in service. We anticipate the use of the bedrock in late July.

**FY-2022 Budget, Articles** - Gootée went over the balances for this fiscal year. Gootée will get Bertrand the Town Meeting Articles for FY22.

**Dole Place-** After doing the study with Tata & Howard to find out how much it would cost to supply/sell water to Newburyport they found it was very expensive and that we will have to have another meeting with the Select Board to find out what should be done next. Gootée will email Jennings and meet with him and then update the Commissioners.

**Other Matters:**

- Gootée updated commissioners on new employee, the advertisement has been running and we have received one applicant and one that will be sending in resume.
- Gootée updated commissioners on email from (Jack Foley) Parks and Recs to try to get water supplied to ball fields. Gootée told him to go to the town to drill a well because the Water Department is on a water ban and cannot supply water. When Parks and Rec. did all the work to put in new turf and spent a lot of money, Gootée said they should have explored how they would get water before upgrading the fields.
- The Lead and Copper current plan was approved by MassDEP so 10 sites are approved but when the new Bedrock well goes on line, we will have to add 10 more sites/residents and do testing twice a year. The purpose is to make sure the pH levels of the new well are not causing any corrosion to the pipe.

Adjourned meeting at 9:55.

Jodi Bertrand

Administrative Assistant