

WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING JULY 20, 2023  
9:00 A.M. WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00.

Review balances, correspondence and draft minutes from June 20<sup>th</sup>.  
(Executive session minutes from May 5<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup> being held) Janes moved to approve June 20<sup>th</sup> minutes, Duggan seconded.

**Tata & Howard Rate Study Update:** Marlowe spoke to Steve and he is running a few scenarios and will get back to him next week.

**Pipestave Tank Rehab Update-** Marlowe updated commissioners on final steps to finish project. They have a few spots to touch up but with the humidity waiting for drier weather.

**Stipends-** Discussion about local area Water Boards that Jennings office contacted to see what they paid for stipends. Bertrand also called Rowley and Georgetown which had no stipends for their board members.

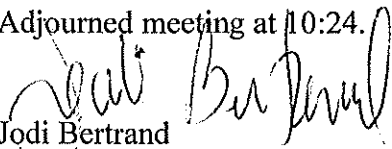
**Newburyport IMA Review-** No updates, but Marlowe mentioned recently Newburyport had a problem and needed a pump, which Marlowe and guys helped them out and brought pump over and set it up. If West Newbury needed help Newburyport would be there to help our crew also. Newburyport has not had any other updates or meetings.

**Baileys Lane/River Road-** Janes and Marlowe spoke to the owner and he has no issues with any testing being done on part of his property. Commissioners discussed other land that had some potential and may be interesting to look into. Janes and Duggan motioned to use the Extraordinary and Unforeseen to pursue possibility of a new well site, voted unanimous.

**Other Matters:**

- Bertrand updated commissioners on email received from Karen Bush, Newburyport Water with the current rate increase. In July, the water bill will reflect the increase from \$6.61 per 100cf to \$6.88 per 100cf.
- Marlowe updated Duggan on next year's Lead and Copper study that DEP will be requiring, T&H will be looking for grant money and Commissioners are signing paperwork in order to let them start researching for grants.

Adjourned meeting at 10:24.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jodi Bertrand", written over the printed name.

Jodi Bertrand  
Administrative Assistant