

WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING APRIL 10, 2024
10:00 A.M. WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE

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

Rob Phillips, Finance Committee
Angus Jennings, Town Manager and Rick Parker, Select Board
Jane Wild, Resident left at 10:07

Meeting called to order at 10:10

Janes moved to approve the March 13th, March 21st and March 28th minutes.

Water Rates- Janes motioned to have the effective date of new rates reflected in the October Billing, unanimous. Jennings suggested doing a mail merge and showing each water customer their 3-month usage/read so they know how the new rates will affect them when they receive their October bill (6 month read). Also, in the future, sending out a survey (Survey Monkey) which allows water customers to go online and vote if they would like quarterly billing (4 yearly) or stay the same (2 bills yearly). Duggan said to shoot for mid-June to have letter sent.

FY-25 Budget: Phillips started discussing the format that will be presented for the Budget Article and how the condensed form will still be used to at Town Meeting. Phillips said with the surplus there will be enough if needed without having the last billing with the new rates. (Bills sent April 5th were with old rates) Duggan would like to keep the surplus in and be presented.

Stipends- Commissioners/Phillips suggested waiting until the new board has been voted in then having residents vote or do a survey and see if stipends should stay in budget.

Angus Jennings left the office 11:00.

Other Matters:

- Duggan and Parker spoke discussed Newburyport Bridge Project and Pipeline. Duggan would like this to be more publicized. Newburyport received grant money but there have been no updates or discussion since they had the presentation
- Commissioners thanked Larry Corcoran for his service and being a commissioner for so many years.

Adjourned meeting at 11:14.


Jodi Bertrand
Administrative Assistant