

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The Board of Water Commissioners met in open session on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building, Room 201.

Those in attendance were: Water Commissioners ~~Ronald Cole, Chair~~; Matthew Barnes, Secretary; Michael Burns, Sr., Member; Public Works Director David Billips; Water Resources Systems Engineer Charles Darling; Deputy Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Gamelli; Budget Analyst Joanna Williams; City Engineer Mark Cressotti; Recording Secretary Angela Bolduc.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

351 North Loomis St. – Water Abatement

Mr. Seth Kellogg of Kellogg Brothers., Inc. was in attendance to justify his abatement request. Mr. Kellogg stated the heating system failed causing the pipes to freeze and crack, releasing water for approximately two days. Being that this building is not used during the winter, it is only checked periodically. Mr. Kellogg provided documentation verifying the issue has been resolved.

Motion made by Commissioner Burns to approve a onetime water abatement in the amount of \$2,439.47. Motion seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Motion approved.

32 Noble Ave. – Vacant Apartment Discount

Marie Parent appeared before the Board in support of her request for a Vacant Apartment Discount for her property at 32 Noble Ave. This matter was brought before the Board because Mrs. Parent does not reside at this property as required by the vacant apartment abatement policy. Ms. Parent stated that she is prohibited from living on the property by the MA DEP due to contamination on the property from an underground oil tank that has leaked. Public Works Director, David Billips stated that questions regarding the vacant apartment discount policy would need to go before the Board of Public Works and not the Water Commission. Mr. Billips also instructed Mrs. Parent to provide him with further information regarding the property that he can review and present to the Public Works Commission at the next meeting on February 9, 2016.

Overtime Reports – The January Overtime Reports were given to the Commissioners. The Board had no questions regarding the reports.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Burns to approve the minutes as written for the January 5, 2016 meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners; Motion seconded by Commissioner Barnes, Motion Approved

Project updates – The board was updated on the status of the fixed network meter reading system. The RFP with the Town of Southwick is now advertised with an opening of March 2nd.

The acquisition of the Olsen property is waiting on notice from MA EEA on award of grant money before it goes to City Council.

The collaborative RFP with the Town of West Springfield and the City of Holyoke for sale of watershed carbon credits has been opened and reviewed. The one respondent will be interviewed within the next few weeks.

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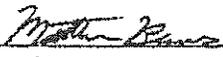
Wastewater Deputy Gamelli informed the Board that the Blower replacement project is almost complete. Startup on the third blower will be in the next two weeks. He is still trying to find a suitable buyer for the removed blowers.

The next meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will be on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

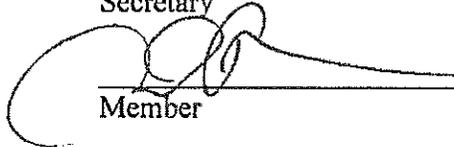
Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Barnes to adjourn; Motion seconded by Commissioner Burns, Motion approved. ADJOURN: 8:00 P.M.

Chairman



Secretary



Member