

WMAC Meeting Minutes – February 17th, 2022

Attendees: David Crosby – Chair, David Brookfield, Anne Carney, David Hearne, Lealdon Langley, Robert (Rory) McGregor – Secretary, Chris Pimentel – Vice Chair

Guests: Eric Hooper, Superintendent - Sharon DPW

1. WMAC minutes for zoom meeting held on January 20th were approved.
2. Eric Hooper sent memo to Select Board at end of January summarizing WMAC recommendation for water rate increases discussed during January 20th meeting. Public hearings on the proposed increases will be scheduled by the Select Board for March. Anticipated implementation will take place either April 1st or July 1st.
3. Environmental Partners, consultant on the PFAS filtration project, is evaluating the alternative strategy of converting Sharon water supply to MWRA rather than continuing to pump our own water. External funds available to Sharon for PFAS treatment system include \$3.5M from the State Revolving Fund and \$5.8M from the Federal ARPA program.

4. Eric Hooper reported on Water Department activity during January:

Pumping: 31.3 million gallons. High for January, but consumption was also up: UAW was only 3.2% (breaks at East Street and Ashcroft Road). The High School construction project is using significant water, so increase in demand is not resulting in increased revenue. We are watching to make sure there is no system leak.

Maximum GPD of 1.2 million gallons is due to HS construction project.

Groundwater elevation: High/normal

Revenue: \$128,253 for month. Annual revenue projected to be \$4.7 million, \$200,000 under FY22 budget figure, but can be covered by reserve fund.

PFAS: Well #4 treatment shows PFAS level is well below state MCL. Blended system average is 1.5 nanograms per liter.

Construction/projects: Tank - waiting for warm weather to pour pan floor concrete, projected Fall 2022 completion

MWRA – interior electricity/fan installation, projected summer completion

Meter – installation contract administration, projected March startup

RR Neighborhood Water Main replacement – design and bid specs in process for Spring bid, July award for August construction start.

Water Rate increase: Public Hearings will be scheduled for March so that increase can be implemented in April – June quarter

5. Discussion on EPA guidance for potential future regulations on unregulated substances per UCMR5 focused on the 6 PFAS substances that Commonwealth of MA has identified. The Water Department publishes quarterly report postcards mailed to each resident identifying PFAS contaminants at each well and the drinking water condition after filtration treatment.

6. Next WMAC meeting is March 17th at 7:30pm via ZOOM conference call.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory McGregor