

## WMAC Meeting Minutes, February 15, 2018

Attendees: David Crosby – Chair, David Hearne, Lealdon Langley,  
Rory McGregor – Secretary

Guests: Eric Hooper – Superintendent DPW, JJ McGrath– Selectman

1. Minutes for January 18, 2018 meeting were approved.
2. JJ reviewed town policy for special consideration on waiving fees for residents who can't afford to pay bills for public services. Water Department does not have a policy for those who cannot afford to pay their water bill. Eric proposed that we adopt a policy similar to the town's offer on trash pickup – namely, the resident demonstrates financial need, meets the criteria for financial distress, and their bill is waived. The same policy was moved and approved by WMAC for use by Water Department.
3. Rory McGregor presented his home water filter after in use service from mid-December 2017 to mid-January 2018. The cylindrical filter is white in appearance when initially installed in a casing mounted inside the house on the incoming water pipe from the street. After one month of use it had become completely discolored to a brown-red appearance. Drop in pressure for tap water is what triggers homeowner awareness for the need to replace the filter.
4. 5 breaks in town piping over the past 2 months resulted in a lot of unaccounted for water in Eric's monthly report for January. Consequently, the Water Department is shifting the ongoing pipe replacement project at Pleasant Street to the Heights where the breaks occurred when work resumes in Spring.
5. Project for emergency water connection to Norwood is moving forward with proposed start of construction as early as July 1st 2018 for pump house and piping. Norwood must still give final approval to the plan. Current financial interest rates work to our favor if we can get the project started this summer.
6. There are monthly pumping requirements to flush the piping for the emergency connection system. Dave Hearne suggested that Water Department sell the water to the new housing project going in at the golf course.
7. Salt in sand used on roads in wintertime is having impact on ground water salinity. Lealdon is aware of problem at state level and is meeting with State DOT to raise concern for groundwater protection.
8. Survey will go out to town residents at the end of this month via Water Smart email list to request resident feedback on any problems with tap water discoloration.
9. Next meeting is Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

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