

WMAC Meeting Minutes, April 19, 2018

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

Guests: Eric Hooper – Superintendent DPW

1. Minutes for February 15, 2018 meeting were approved
2. Water main flushing commenced on April 4th and will continue for a month. Water Department website will be updated to give visitors opportunity to report concerns/problems, such as brown water after flushing in local neighborhoods. No complaints have been received yet from residents. Rory McGregor reported that Upland Road area had noticeable brown water immediately after hydrant flushing on April 4th. 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.
3. Project for emergency water connection to Norwood has received easement from Spring Valley Golf Course to locate the pump station along Tiot Street. Design for pump house and piping is in progress. Two pump motors will have 30 horsepower each; pump size is larger than our current well pumps; each pump is capable of pushing 500,000 gallons/day. Period of construction will last up to one year and is likely to start this summer.
4. We are trending down in revenue for Water Department due to plenty of rainfall and strong water conservation efforts. Revenue for fiscal year may come in \$200K under budget. Need to pursue long range pricing plan with selectmen to ensure increases in water rates that can compensate for downward trends in revenue. Increase in water rates for this year became effective April 1st. We will discuss plans for how water rate increases could be scheduled over the next 3 to 5 years. This will be a topic at next WMAC meeting.
5. May 8 is Drinking Water Day in the Commonwealth of MA. Eric goes to state house to receive Award for Sharon's recognized program to provide excellent drinking water.
6. Next meeting is Thursday March 15th at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory McGregor
Secretary, WMAC