

WMAC Meeting Minutes, January 10, 2019

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

Guests: Eric Hooper – Superintendent, Sharon DPW; David Brookfield, Sharon resident

1. Minutes for November 15, 2018 meeting were approved.
2. Discussion on water rates for residential consumers was the singular topic for this meeting. There was general agreement within the committee that the base rate charged to all customers should pay for needed capital improvements to the Sharon water pumping and distribution system as well as ongoing maintenance (water pipe replacement). There are several capital improvement projects that require financing.

Sharon Water Department must borrow near term to finance 2 separate projects:

- a) Emergency water main connection to MWRA via town of Norwood. \$1M has already been allocated. \$2.1M in addition will be required.
- b) Massapoag Ave Water Storage Tank replacement. \$2M will be required.

Other capital improvement projects that will go forward within the next 3 years:

- a) Residential Water Meter Replacement - \$2M will be required.
- b) Moose Hill Water Storage Tank Replacement - \$2M will be required.
- c) Stormwater Resource Projects - \$1.265 will be required.

Average expenditure per year to finance debt associated with capital improvement projects and to perform ongoing pipe replacement will exceed \$1M.

This requires an increase in quarterly base rate for each residential consumer from \$32.50 to \$55. WMAC voted unanimously to endorse this rate increase as itemized in Option 1 in the attached document

3. Eric Hooper will present the above information to selectmen at their scheduled meeting on Tuesday Jan 22. Several WMAC members will plan to attend.
4. Next WMAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Feb 14 at 7:30pm at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory McGregor
Secretary, WMAC