

WMAC Meeting Minutes, April 18, 2019

Attendees: David Crosby – Chair, David Brookfield, Ann Carney, David Hearne, Rory McGregor – Secretary

Guest: Eric Hooper – Superintendent, Sharon DPW

1. Minutes for January 10, 2019 meeting were approved.
2. Eric will coordinate with town IT Department to create draft versions of customer water bill layout which identifies quarterly base rate charge of \$55 used to pay for associated capital improvement projects and historical display of individual household water consumption by quarter along with associated cost.

Sharon Water Department must borrow funds this summer to finance 2 separate capital improvement projects associated with the quarterly base rate charge of \$55:

- 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. Up to \$3M will be required.
3. Average expenditure per year to finance debt associated with capital improvement projects and to perform ongoing pipe replacement will exceed \$1M.
 4. New High School building project should include water planning related to both drinking water and irrigation facilities. Eric will be the lead person for Water Dept on input to School Building Committee.
 5. ZBA will review pump station design plan for MWRA emergency connection to Norwood along Tiot Street on May 8th. Contract to build the station will be awarded this summer.
 6. Chlorine concentration in water seems to be going per customer feedback based on subjective taste-testing. Can WMAC review the town's water sampling data for chemical constituents over past 3 years? Eric will investigate historical records and share data with WMAC.
 7. Hydrant flushing is ongoing. Notices are going out to residents in neighborhoods where the flushing is taking place. McGregor residence at 52 Upland Road observed very brown water within 2 days of receiving the notice.
 8. Water Department revenue for FY 2019 will be \$3.95M based on current projections. This is up slightly from January revenue forecast of \$3.8M. Eric will request Water Department annual financial reports for the years that it has been an Enterprise business. The objective is to investigate annual amounts reported for retained earnings.

9. Next WMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 16 at 7:30pm at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory McGregor
Secretary, WMAC