

## WMAC Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2021

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

Guests: Eric Hooper, Superintendent- Sharon DPW

1. WMAC minutes for meetings held on February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 were reviewed and approved.
2. Eric is coordinating procurement of new Badger ultrasonic water meters from Stiles Company. Contract will be signed next week by Sharon Select Board.
3. Weston & Sampson is preparing proposal for service contract to install new water meters throughout Sharon. Start of work by contract recipient may not begin until early Fall (October 2021). During the interim period, the Water Department will install new water meters when they become available in residences and businesses where the current water meter exhibits failure symptoms. Possible quantity will range between 50 and 100 water meters per month.
4. Eric advised that new guidance from the state on use of retained earnings for Enterprise businesses, like Sharon Water Department, is under discussion by town management. David Crosby has put this issue on the agenda for next month's meeting so that WMAC input can be considered before decisions are made. Current account for retained earnings on hand totals \$2.246M. Current fiscal year will add between \$1M and \$1.5M to the account.
5. PFAS testing at all of Sharon's water wells will begin in April. Neighboring towns of Foxboro and Easton have reported locations where PFAS concentrations exceed new state limits of 20 ppt.
5. Eric Hooper submitted the following monthly report on Water Department activity for February 2021 to WMAC members prior to the meeting:

### Pumping/UAW (Unaccounted for Water):

Maximum day 1.146 million gallons, average day slightly below 950,000 gallons  
26,511,999 gallons pumped during February  
24,268,719 gallons billed/accounted for; UAW = 9.2%  
February 2021 water consumption is roughly 5% above February 2020.  
Water consumption is trending back to pre-Covid quarantine levels.

Revenue on target for \$5.1 million; roughly 10% increase over last fiscal year.

Nitrate at Well #4 up slightly to 4.33 mg/L; still well below 5.0mg/L limit that triggers investigation requirement

Groundwater levels: normal. State Drought taskforce declared western Massachusetts to be in level 1 drought.

Construction projects:

Heights water main replacement: ongoing, end of April completion projected.

MWRA Connection: bypass main to start by the end of March.

Tank replacement: site work limits staked, work to begin by the end of March.

Water Meter contract negotiation ongoing: contract documents/insurance/bond paperwork in process

S. Pleasant Street pre-bid effort ongoing for mains replacement – site conditions and survey in progress.

6. Next WMAC meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7:30pm via ZOOM conference call.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory McGregor, Secretary