

WMAC Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2014

Attendees: Rory McGregor, Acting Chair; Anne Carney; Paul Lauenstein; Chris Pimentel

Guest: Eric Hooper, Superintendent, Sharon DPW

1. Eric presented the attached proposal for a water rate increase to take place in 2015. The estimate for incremental revenue generated by the rate increase is 3.5% which keeps pace with inflation and provides some additional funding for capital expenditures needed for water system repairs and upgrades. The WMAC unanimously voted to accept the proposal and recommend that the selectmen meet with Eric at their earliest opportunity to begin the review process for the water rate increase. The proposed date for implementation of the water rate increase is January 1st, 2015.

2. Eric reviewed water department activity for the past month and reported that town water usage and ground water levels are similar to recent history for this time of year. In general Sharon is a model town for water conservation practice and has been successful in reducing annual water consumption significantly over the past 10 years, due in large part to outdoor watering restrictions and ascending block water rates that provide more incentive to reduce excessive water use.

3. The next meeting will be September 18th at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory McGregor