

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable's Hyannis Water Board was held on October 13, 2009 at 3:15 PM in the Growth Management Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

In attendance were Skip Simpson, Tom Holmes, Rebecca Baxter and Peter Cross.

Staff present: Hans Keijser, Supervisor, Water Supply Division.

Also present from United Water: Ken Maltese.

Public present: none

A quorum being present, Vice Chairman Simpson called the meeting to order at 3:17 M.

The Agenda was approved.

The Minutes for the September 29, 2009 meeting were approved as amended.

The Operations Report: Maltese said that United is aggressively monitoring water quality pending a final resolution from DEP regarding the coliform counts.

Accounts Receivable is in balance since United took over but there is still a discrepancy in the transfer from Pennichuck. The detached accounts is approximately \$11,400 and it apparently represents accounts that were carried for several years and may be uncollectible. The accounts are also off by that amount of money in the reconciliation document. Kaiser said that Finance Director Milne has said we are getting close to accepting the reconciliation but the Town has not yet accepted the final accounting, they are trying to determine how to write off the uncollectible accounts.

Commercial collections: Keijser said he is prepared to issue 23 shutoff letters on October 21. Residential shut off letters will go out by the end of the month. Maltese referenced the executive summary report that says that in the over 120 day/\$1000+ overdue category there are 21 customers, making up about \$31,000 of the outstanding overdue amount.

Keijser said there is not a permanent United manager on board yet, and that he is working with United on the contract specified deliverables.

Vinyl lined pipe: Keijser said this is an issue water districts have been dealing with since the 1980's, DEP aware of it and it is not a health emergency. There are 21 miles of ACVL pipe in the Hyannis system. We test and monitor to make sure the concentration is low or zero by annual flushing, adding bleeders to dead-ends and looping. We are checking sites 8 or more times per year. There has been only one detect of .87. Keijser said the lab can't detect below .5, and we are way below the amount. The issue is further addressed in the master plan developed in 2007. The \$1 million per year pipe replacement program will address these issues. Keijser reported there have been no calls from public expressing concern.

Rules and Regulations. Following approval by the Board, a public hearing will be held prior to the Town Manager authorizing implementation.

A Motion was made by Cross and seconded by Baxter to approve the Rules and Regulations as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous

RFP for a water tower. Keijser said the draft is close to completion but not yet complete, he is open to any input by the Board. The timing of the process should consider the holidays, with a decision made in early January. The legal ad can be issued in the next week or so. A final draft should be ready for review within the week, Keijser just needs to finish scope.

New ground water rule going into effect on 12/1/09. This is a new requirement to comply with, calling for better and stricter control on groundwater wells. If a distribution system tests for coliform, the requirement is to re-test the well and up and downstream, and wells that were in use at the same time and to test raw water to see if the well is the source of problem. Chlorination upgrades are being made in preparation of this change. Currently raw water tests don't count. This change will kick in for repeat hits of e-coli in raw water and wells and that will result in a boil water order should there be repeats. Hits to date have been from structures, not wells, and there have been only a few since United started testing.

Cost of system survey. The consultants need to fine tune and develop more options, as requested by the Board, and to do so, they need an increase in the scope of work. The additional work will cost \$2,900.

A Motion was made Holmes and seconded by Cross to approve the change in the scope of work and additional fee.

Vote: Unanimous

A review of sample bills was deferred as the emailed document was not able to be opened by the recipients.

Keijser said the last payment to Whitewater Pennichuck has been released. The Town has received a letter from DEP approving all SRF construction loans for water projects. The only problem is the Stewart's creek pipe replacement, it is dependant on whether the sewer project goes forward. A 12" pipe will go under the culvert at Stewart's Creek regardless of sewer outcome.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Geoffrion