

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable's Hyannis Water Board was held on May 11, 2010 at 3:15 PM in the Growth Management Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

In attendance were Skip Simpson, Deb Krau and Peter Cross.

Staff present: Hans Keijser, Supervisor, Water Supply Division, and Dale Saad, Ph.D., Senior Project Manager.

Also present: Ken Maltese and Mark Lavoie from United Water, Richard Andres

A quorum being present, Chairman Krau called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM

The Agenda was approved with updates on zoning

Approval of the Minutes for the April 13, 2010 meeting was deferred to next meeting

Operations Report – Lavoie said United Water is continuing to evaluate sample point replacement and is in the process of replacing some of them. Lavoie stated that the Senior Center sample point replacement is now complete. A revised Total Coliform sample plan and map have been submitted for DEP approval. Work continues on the chlorine injection point at Mary Dunn Water Storage Tank site where the concrete slab and infrastructure is projected to be completed at the end of the month. Rehabilitation of Maher wells 1 & 3 have been completed with pump installation scheduled for May 10th and 11th. Cross expresses his concern if we may be pumping over our limit as a result of the Hyannis Fire Department using a lot of water with their training exercises. Keijser will contact the Fire Department to inquire about training exercises.

Spring flushing started on March 8, 2010 and is expected to be completed in two weeks. The Computerized Maintenance Management System has been implemented with continuous staff training for maximum utilization of the program. All required reports were submitted on time, there are no reported problems with monitoring.

Two employees have been contracted via Select Staffing to assist in the completion of the valve exercise program, spring flushing, and hydrant inspection and painting. The large Mary Dunn 2 tank has been cleaned and inspected with the cleaning contractor stating that the tank looked in good shape. The hydrants at Elm and Willow Streets, and Airport Road have been replaced due to accidents. The Hyannis Fire Department was notified that they are back in service

The financial summary shows that accounts receivable are down. April overdue collections show steady efforts of improvement with a total of \$18,039.04, collected this month. Krau comments that the 120 day receivables are down for the first time. Maltese is continuously working with Computil to streamline and automate the collection process.

Abatements

Alfred Bleu, 74 Hampshire Ave, Hyannis. – Cross excused himself and the abatement was deferred to next meeting.

Schedule Meetings

Tank Prioritization: Thursday, May 20, 2010, 3:15–5:15p.m., Growth Management Conference Room

Hardship cases: Keijser hands-out the (5) cases to Krau and Simpson for them to review.

Silent Spring: Silent Spring will present the results of their study, “Emerging Contaminants in Cape Cod Drinking Water,” at a meeting at Town of Barnstable, Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, for the press at 1 P.M. and open to the public at 3 P.M. This study concentrates on the Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products (PPCP) findings in the drinking water.

The board agrees that “there will be a combined response from water purveyors”. Maltese has prepared a list of questions and responses. All have agreed to “keep response from staff to a minimum and refer consumers to the town website for updated information as it becomes available. Points made by the board are: Silent Spring hand selected the tested wells and the findings are miniscule. Cross states to inform the public with knowledge to express the concern with these early warning and how the public can make a difference. Customers need to be educated relative to the contributors (septic systems are a major contributor) and how to help by not flushing medication, support watershed zoning regulations and enforcement and support local sewer installation in the community. Krau stresses that the Hyannis Water System did volunteer for the testing conducted by Silent Spring and how to work with people to make changes for the better, such as sewer expansion efforts. Krau comments that she is pleased with the results of the testing with only trace amounts found.

Cost of System Service: Krau proposes to use the Municipal & Financial Service Group to facilitate the match for square footage to complete the needed effort. A proposal was presented for this effort with a cost not to exceed \$7200.00, which does fit in the current capital expenditure for the rate study.

A motion was made and seconded to approve this expense.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

A motion was made and seconded to adopt a necessary Policy that states: “When there are multiple water accounts (meters) located on 1 property (map/parcel/lot); the square footage will be divided equally over the number of meters”.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

Adoption of square footage definition: deferred to next meeting

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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