The regular meeting of the Somerset Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners was called to order by the Chairman, Scott O'Brien at 4:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Office, at the Water Treatment Plant, 3249 County Street, Somerset, MA.

Commissioners present: Chairman, Scott O'Brien and Vice Chairman, Roger Benevides.

Also present: Robert E. Lima Superintendent, Christopher Wickman, Harold Gracia, Patty Carreiro and Attorney Clem Brown.

George Austin, reporter for the Spectator was also present for the meeting.

Clerk Joseph Bednarik was absent from the meeting.

The next scheduled meeting for the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 4:00 P.M.

Routine vouchers totaling $7,989.27 for the Water Department and $15,832.47 for the Water Pollution Control Facility were approved and signed by the Board. They are to be hand delivered to the Town Accountant's Office in the morning.

Reservoir level was 157" below full pond.

Plant flows at the Water Department were approximately 1.7 million gallons per day, 1.4 million gallons of water was taken out of River Station in the past two weeks and placed in the Reservoir.

Plant flows for the Waste Water Treatment Plant were approximately 2.4 million gallons. There were no odor complaints this past week.

Mr. Wickman reported one break this past week. It was repaired by the men.

Dominion is still shutdown.

Mr. Maloof of 83 Eagle Lane submitted a letter to the Board in order to be reimburse for repairs on his property after a water break occurred. The Board voted to have Mr. Lima speak to Mr. Maloof and make a settlement with him after a release is signed.

An application for a drain layers license was received from Candigit Excavating located at 117B Boule Road, Swansea, MA. The Board voted to approve the renewal.

Chairman O'Brien signed a bill for the Chloride Conversion Project in the amount of $38,000.00 after Mr. Benevides made a motion to approve the contract and Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion.

Synagrow lab testing will begin tomorrow, December 7th as required.

Steve Sabatino passed his Treatment 1 test last week. They will both be attending classes in order to obtain their Treatment 2 license.

Alberta Ave., Irving Ave. and Seaver St. all had a temporary patch done this past week. The men are working on Winslow Ave. and should be completed by the end of December.

Par Corporation did the Dam Inspection.

Mr. Gracia stated that he is shutting down the compost and the cake is being hauled off by Synagrow.

The EPA reports must be submitted by December 15th electronically.

Mr. Gracia reported that he has only used 15% of his electricity budget thus far.

Superintendent Lima stated that he spoke to Joseph Bolton, Town Accountant regarding combining both Water and Water Pollution Control budgets which will have to be discussed at the Town Meeting in May.

Lead and Copper testing was done at the schools this past week. Out of 250 samples that were taken, eight failed. There were also four bubblers removed and replaced at the Chace Street School.

Mr. Gracia informed the Board that he was out of work last week for two days due to Jury Duty.

Superintendent Lima discussed Glenn Gray's water bill located at 219 Wilbur Ave. with the Board. The Board decided to reduce Mr. Gray's bill with the stipulation that he pays $921.53 prior to having the water turned back on and the remaining amount of $2,282.98 be placed on a payment plan with interest accruing on the unpaid balance. If the property is sold prior to the bill being paid, the full amount is due which is $7,142.68 as of December 8, 2016.

There was no news to report on the Solar Project.

Superintendent Lima will be putting the SCADA project out to bid by the end of the month.

No further business appearing. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Scott O'Brien
Chairman

Roger Benevides
Vice Chairman

December 20, 2016