

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Somerset Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners was called to order by 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, Vice Chairman Roger Benevides, and Clerk Joseph Bednarik.

Also present: Superintendent Robert Bozikowski, Harold Gracia, and Jacquelyn Ferreira.

There will be a Special Board Meeting held on Thursday, November 21st, 2019 at 3:30pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 at 4:00pm.

2. The Board voted to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 30th, 2019 meetings of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. The motion was made by Vice-Chairman Benevides and seconded by Clerk Bednarik. All in favor.

3. Routine vouchers totaling \$27,004.57 for the Water Department and \$7,027.81 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.

The reservoir level is 130.5" below full.

Plant flows for the Water Department are 1.9 million gallons per day.

Plant flows for the Waste Water Pollution Control Facility were 2.7 million gallons per day.

4. A. The solar project had a favorable response from the Conservation Committee at the November 4th, 2019 meeting. Superintendent Bozikowski asked the Board to table a proposal for roof structural evaluation to determine if sufficient load capacity exists for solar panels. The contract for \$13,500.00 was not ready for approval. Superintendent Bozikowski asked to table the proposal until next meeting.

4. B. Superintendent Bozikowski asked the Board to consider approving a proposal for engineering design services for the rehabilitation of the Route 6 pump station wet-well. The proposal Wright Pierce submitted was for \$46,200.00. Clerk Bednarik motioned to approve request. Vice-Chairman Benevides seconded the request. Chairman O'Brien opposed.

5. A letter was received from Attorney Clifford & Kenny regarding OSHA for the public sector. Superintendent Bozikowski set up a new safety training class for employees of both the Water Treatment Plant and the Water Pollution Control Facility for next week.

6. A. There was an application from Plymouth Bayview LLC for water service at 2648 County Street, Dighton, MA 02715. Clerk Bednarik made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Vice-Chairman Benevides. Chairman Scott O'Brien recused due to conflict.

6. B. There was an application from Victoria A. DaSilva for water service at 215 Alberta Avenue, Somerset, MA 02726. Clerk Bednarik made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Vice-Chairman Benevides. Chairman Scott O'Brien recused due to conflict.

7. A. Disinfection By-Product Rule (THM & HAA5) samples are scheduled to be collected December 3rd, 2019. Manual flushing in select areas (as weather allows) has commenced, chlorine residual may be decreased as residuals allow, the Somerset Water Department is investigating removing the Hot and Cold Lane West tank from service. The mixing system in this tank is not functioning and needs repairs. We will operate on the East tank only. This tank has an operating mixing system.

HAA5 results from a portion of the required UCMR 4 testing confirms elevated HAA5 values near the MCL (60 parts per billion) at one of the four approved sites.

Preliminary communication from the Mass DEP as a result for the sanitary survey indicates that the Somerset Water Department cannot have the primary treatment operator AND the primary distribution system operator listed as the same person. Currently, Chris Wickman is listed as both. Both positions require a minimum of a Massachusetts Class III full status license. Superintendent Bozikowski mentioned that he could be listed as the primary distribution system operator. The Board mentioned having Mike Agresti acquire a D-3 license.

Somerset Water Department equipment operator returned back to work on Tuesday, November 12th, 2019. This brings the current total of the distribution department to: (1) foreman, and (3) labors. There is still a vacant laborer position that was never filled from the promotion of the current foreman.

The clarifier rehab project is complete. Somerset Water Department is waiting on additional equipment (change order) to be delivered. The Somerset Water Department is waiting for Watermark Electric to complete VFD programming at the Dighton well. UV and chemical feed system improvements will continue once the VFD is completed.

7. B. Mr. Gracia reported 1.3 inches of rain so far for the month of November.

The Somerset Sewer Department had two pH violations reported to DEP in October. There have been no violations reported so far in November. Mr. Gracia reported there is no update on the grit disposal.

An Alberta Avenue homeowner reported blockage on the customer side. This street is a dead end. The Somerset Sewer Department flushed it. There was no damage to the property.

Mr. Gracia reported that the collection station experienced a power failure on November 1st, 2019 and pump stations Foley, Luther, Pilot and Owen were affected. The generators responded and ran fine until power was restored.

Superintendent Bozikowski and Mr. Gracia met with Wright-Pierce on November 7th, 2019 to discuss the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.

Mr. Gracia reported that the State Fire Marshall performed an all-day inspection on November 7th, 2019. They found two boilers and pressure vessels at the plant to be of concern. They inspected seven compressor air tanks and condemned two of them due to moisture corrosion on the bottom. The State Fire Marshall will be sending a written report.

The final clarifier that had been offline for repairs was put back online. It had a bad gasket but the gasket and seal were replaced.

The Somerset Highway Department has been grinding and overlaying on Palmer Street. Mr. Gracia reported needing to purchase 20 riser rings for the manhole covers for this project because the street is being raised 1.5 inches.

The Gay Street pump station repair was completed by Coastal on November 7th, 2019. Coastal completed the repair in one day.

On November 13th, 2019, the Somerset Sewer Department sampled the bioassay and fourth quarter compost. The same day, Mr. Bill Aguiar came by to discuss options for installing sewer service for a proposed greenhouse at the High School, near the tennis courts. There is currently no sewer line at this location; the closest line is at the Police and Fire Department Complex.

Mr. Gracia reported that he looked into the sewer records for 1173 Riverside Avenue and found that this location was tied into the Thelma Avenue sewer line. As a result the repair that connected sewer into Riverside Avenue constitutes a repair to the homeowner's service.

7. C. Superintendent Bozikowski reported that the Somerset Water Department is still waiting to receive the DEP sanitary survey report.

Superintendent Bozikowski reported that the Town is looking to streamline the payroll process and is looking at new time clocks, web-based data management and automated forms.

Superintendent Bozikowski reported that the DEP noted that the plant does not need to be manned when it is not in operation. Compliance with disinfection by-products will work against this plan as the plan will need more water in storage. Superintendent Bozikowski said he will need to evaluate the time we can supply from the tank(s) and that he is also working on obtaining a proposal to upgrade the controls for alarms and remote monitoring.

Superintendent Bozikowski spoke with the Venus de Milo regarding the proposed repairs to the Route 6 pump station. They will try to do what they can. Superintendent Bozikowski will send the Venus de Milo a letter outlining the cost of the repairs.

Superintendent Bozikowski received a quote to service the mixing system in the West Tank and will place it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Superintendent Bozikowski and Mr. Gracia had a preliminary meeting with the Town of Dighton on November 14th, 2019 regarding evaluating the downtown area for sewer and connection to Somerset.

8. No Executive Session.

9. No further business appearing. Chairman O'Brien motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 P.M. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Benevides.

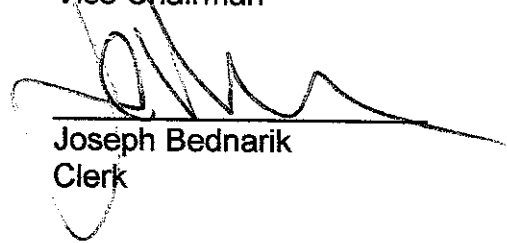
Respectfully submitted,
APPROVED:



Scott O'Brien
Chairman



Roger Benevides
Vice Chairman



Joseph Bednarik
Clerk

November 21, 2019