

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE LYNNFIELD CENTER WATER DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Board was held on Monday August 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the offices of the District at 83 Phillips Road. Present were Commissioners Chairwoman Constance Leccese, Richard Lamusta, Superintendent Kenneth Burnham, Treasurer James Alexander, Water Foreman Nick Couris, and Christine Smallenberger, Clerk of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM. Chairwoman Leccese made a motion to accept the minutes of the prior meeting, July 23, 2018. The motion was made and approved.

Leah O'Brien from 44 Perry Ave. was in attendance to plead her fine due to a family medical situation. Ms. O'Brien was informed we would review the situation and would be in touch tomorrow with the board's decision. Collin Gallagher from 40 Chatham Way was in attendance to also ask for forgiveness for his water violations. Mr. Gallagher had purchased the home in July and hadn't moved in full time. The week in question he had 3 water violations. They had shut the electricity off and it affected the sprinkler system. The board informed Mr. Gallagher they would review the situation and would be in touch tomorrow with the board's decision. Upon discussion, a motion was made and seconded to absolve the fines for both Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Gallagher.

Operations:

Well 2 was put back online. Matt is painting hydrants and cutting brush around the well sites. The water ban is still in effect. The operators are coming in and starting the pump earlier in the evening which allows the wells to rest and take less water from the North Hill area. We changed the valves and mixing and we have been able to lower the manganese. When the well went down on Main St., the water came into a different direction in Apple Hill. A Resident from Apple Hill, the DPW director from Melrose, had called to complain about the water. We informed ratepayers to purchase low cost suspended filters at the ratepayer's expense.

Superintendent Burnham mentioned the city of Newton is having the same problem with manganese (it was mentioned on Channel 5 at 6 am this morning). Their solution is to flush. Hull has also had the same problem. Worcester had a break and half the city had the same issues. We are not the only ones in this situation.

The DEP just notified us that the Main St. station is elevating nitrate levels from the lawns in that area and changed our sampling to 4 times a year instead of once a year. Within 4 years we might not use Well #2 because of the nitrates.

We are in talks with the engineers on working with adjusting pumps and with building a pumping station for 4-5 million dollars. Because of the recent Ipswich River Basin study, we will have to get a supplementary supply of water by 2030. Superintendent Burnham is speaking with Jim Finnegan from the South Lynnfield Water District to possibly tie in to their water. South Lynnfield received a grant to replace pumps on Route 1. Their pumps do X amount of gallons per minute and if we tie in with South Lynnfield there are 2 connections: Huckleberry Road and Thistle Lane. We need to determine what our needs will be and put in larger pumps in their station. We would pay for the increase in the size of the pump. We would pay their

engineering firm to make sure there is compatibility of the water. If we go this direction, we would not have to build a pumping station, just a vault between the 2 districts. We would pay the electrical cost for the additional size of the motor. Finnegan is talking with his board tonight.

It appears the City of Peabody isn't enthusiastic about the pipeline. The golf course would be a separate entity, paying their own entrance fees into MWRA. They will bring up their proposal at the October town meeting. The only advantage for taking them on is to get the water ban lifted for people to support joining MWRA. We haven't been able to pump what we are allowed to withdraw at the wells. The superintendent's recommendation is to go MWRA. The state will not mandate a station because the levels are not at a point of concern. Our obligation is to pay the fee for their engineer to see if the water is compatible. If station 2 fails we are already okayed for the future. The rates will need to change as well. We will hear from Jim Finnegan to see what South Lynnfield board of commissioners have to say. A motion was made and approved to continue discussion with the Lynnfield Water District by combining our resources to work with MWRA to increase our water capacity to sustain us to 2030 and beyond and the engineering costs associated with it.

We will need Attorney Casey at our next board meeting to discuss our legal rights, repairs and billing regarding private ways. Clerk Smallenberger handed out a response from Attorney Casey's office with respect to liability. It appears to say if we didn't cause the problem then we aren't liable. Chairwoman Leccese said it needs to be clear. We need to determine the definition of a private way. Every situation we come up with is a lose-lose. We would give them a specific time to get the break fixed; for example, a service leaks need to be fixed within 14 calendar days and if not fixed, we can fine the homeowner \$50 a day. We don't shut the water off; we force their hand to fix it. There are a lot of private ways people don't believe are private ways. The majority of people on Old Pillings Pond don't know it's a private way. If we can mitigate it down to one service, we make that service fix their leak. A few questions are: what is the legitimate notification to repairing, when can we shut off the water, and can we legally do this. We need to sort this out. We have to be able to give a timeline or we fix it and they will be financially liable. The town has a list from 2015 yet the town does not have a list of private ways. Active subdivisions are private until we release the bond.

Bids for the septic system were due and opened. Pyburn came in at \$23,000 and Pezzella came in at \$22,432. The board made a motion and was seconded to award the septic system bid to Pezzella.

Water Foreman Couris submitted to the board a job description for a new operator position. Superintendent Burnham passed out a resume already received for this position. We will post the position on the New England Waterworks website. The target date is October 1st so the new employee can take advantage of winter classes.

The Warrants were signed and approved. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,