

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable's Hyannis Water Board was held on August 16, 2022 at 3:00 PM remotely via ZOOM (as posted per instructions on the agenda- "The August 16, 2022 Hyannis Water Board meeting of the Hyannis Water Board shall be conducted remotely and shall be physically closed to the public. Alternative public access shall be provided as set forth below.

ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC ACCESS

Remote access and participation, please utilize the Zoom video link or telephone number and access meeting code:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://townofbarnstable-us.zoom.us/j/88355187281>

Meeting ID: 883 5518 7281, US Toll-free 1-888-475-4499

In attendance (On Zoom) were: Sam Wilson, Jonathan Jaxtimer and Amy Wrightson.

Staff present (On Zoom): Hans Keijser, Supervisor, Water Supply Division.

Also present (On Zoom): Mike Leahy from Veolia (formally Suez).

A quorum being present (On Zoom), Vice-chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Wilson begins the meeting requesting a moment of silence be observed for the passing of Chair O'Neil. He adds that O'Neil will be sadly missed by many and expresses the gratitude of all of O'Neil's involvement and dedication to the town and individual villages as well.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The Agenda is approved.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 5/17/22 meeting minutes.

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The 5/17/22 meeting minutes are approved.**

Operations Report –

Leahy begins by telling the board that a much deserved employee appreciation luncheon was provided to the Veolia staff on July 1, 2022 by project manager Sampson. Leahy informs the board about the following distribution tasks, contract obligations for preventative maintenance, distribution issues and water main breaks that were addressed and repaired in the month of July:

- Carbon exchange was completed at the Airport #1 location. A leaky valve on the bottom of the carbon vessel was also changed out when vessel was empty during exchange.
- 2 Hydrants were repaired; one at CVS on North Street and the other at #319 Main Street. Hyannis Fire department was notified upon completion.
- Fire Hydrant replacement on Old Strawberry Hill Road was completed.
- Water service was hit by a contractor at 5 Brookshire Road, repairs were made.
- Fire Hydrant (#453) was replaced at Rustic Lane & Redwood Avenue.
- Fire Hydrant repair on the corner of Center Street and Willow Avenue was completed upon strike caused by a Plymouth & Brockton commuter bus.
- Fire Hydrant (#366) repair was completed at the Pitchers Way and Bearses Way location.
- Water service was hit by a contractor at on Brookshire Road again, repairs were made.
- Water leak at 319 Ocean Street was investigated and repaired.

Wilson asks how pumping is going relative to the drought, Leahy responds that pumping was up 16% for the month of July (130,000,000 gallons of water were pumped). Wilson responds that it is quite an increase. Keijser concurs that the increase is substantial. Wilson inquires about collections, Keijser adds that they are a struggle, but payments are staying steady. Leahy adds that when staff marks the curb stop outside a resident's home, this normally motivates payment from the customer.

All required monthly reports and sampling were completed and submitted on time.

Veolia contract for Preventative Maintenance – Keijser commends Veolia staff for their hard work in bringing the meter replacements to current status after being behind for 2 years as a result of the COVID pandemic. Wilson agrees of job well done.

Reorganization – The board discusses organization of the water board. Wilson offers to step up as chair of the water board.

A motion was made and seconded for Wilson to attain the position of Chairperson of the Hyannis Water Board.

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. Wilson will attain the position of Chairperson of the Hyannis Water Board.**

A motion was made and seconded for Wrightson to attain the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Hyannis Water Board.

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. Wrightson will attain the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Hyannis Water Board.**

Wrightson thanks the board for this opportunity.

The board discusses that 2 additional residential rate payers are needed to fill member positions with the board.

Councilor Assignments – Wilson requests that this be postponed until after September's town councilor votes. All members of the board are in agreeance with postponement of councilor assignments until after September's town councilor votes.

Review of uncollectible accounts and liens, vote (handout given) – The handout is review by the board.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the list as presented to be approved to be liened.

**VOTE: ROLL CALL YES: Jaxtimer, Wrightson, Wilson. Presented list of liens is approved.**

Drought status level 2, State of Water Supply Conservation, vote (handout given) – Keijser explains to the board the status of the drought and what is needed to sustain operations. Keijser asks the board for a confirmation vote of the State of Water Supply Conservation as distributed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the State of Water Supply Conservation as presented.

**VOTE: ROLL CALL YES: Jaxtimer, Wrightson, Wilson. The State of Water Supply Conservation is accepted as presented.**

New EPA standards for PFAS, briefing & discussion (handout given) – Keijser informs the board of the new advisories for some PFAS from the EPA explaining that the new levels for PFOS (0.004 ppt-parts per trillion) and PFOA (0.002 ppt) from the government level are far lower than the current Massachusetts levels and present an issue due to inability to test levels that low. He adds that the new advisories for the GenX (10 ppt) and PFBS (2,000 ppt) levels are within attainable levels that the Hyannis Water System can provide with their treatment facilities. Keijser adds that water systems that had not reacted as quickly and diligently as Hyannis Water System are now feeling the impact of these new, low EPA recommended advisories. Wilson asks for clarification relative that these are “advisories” and not “requirements”? Keijser explains that these are not requirements and expresses that due to Massachusetts DEP being quite pro-active relative to PFAS regulation the Hyannis Water System should be set for future regulations. Wilson thanks the efforts of O’Neil, board members and Keijser for all their work to get the current treatment facilities built and functioning that tend to this issue.

Review Capital for FY 2024 – Keijser reviews the handout with the board that outlines eight Capital Improvement Projects totaling \$7,797,000 as follows:

1. Pipe Replacement and Upgrade Program - \$1,500,000
2. Water Supply Wells, Pump Station and Treatment Plant repair and upgrade program - \$200,000
3. Mary Dunn #1 Water Storage Tank, Rehabilitation Project, Construction - \$927,000
4. New Well Exploration Program, Planning & Permitting - \$620,000
5. Mary Dunn #4 Well Building, Construction - \$1,000,000
6. Mary Dunn Road Water Main Replacement - \$3,000,000
7. Yarmouth Interconnect - \$150,000
8. Lead Service Line Inventory and Replacement Plan Development - \$400,000

Keijser expresses to the board members that these projects are a joint effort in coordination with the DPW Engineering Department. He adds that he is hopeful that some of the funding will be returned to the water system in the forms of grants, and principal forgiveness through the State Revolving Fund (SRF).

Capital project update by Alex Richards – Richards is unable to attend meeting.

A matter not reasonably anticipated by the Chair – Wilson asks the board to think about delegating a potentially new monthly day / time for future water board meetings to take place.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:46 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Marcia Sellitto  
DPW, Water Supply Division –Administrative Assistant*

Materials presented at meeting:

- Meeting Agenda August 16, 2022 (presented by: T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- Meeting Minutes for approval 5/17/2022 (presented by: T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- H.W.B. Monthly Report, July 2022 (presented by: Veolia, formerly Suez Water)
- FY '23 Pumping Projection spreadsheets, dated 8/9/2022 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Billed and Received Revenue Projection-FY'23, dated 8/9/2022 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Certification of Water Supply Division accounts to be liened, dated July 25, 2022 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of State of Water Supply Conservation, dated August 16, 2022 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of email from Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), RE: EPA's New Health Advisories for Some PFAS, dated 8/11/2022 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of CIP FY24 Rational, dated 8/12/2021 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of FY 23 Pumping Projection and Pumping Record 2016 - 2022, dated 8/4/2022 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of FY 23 Approximate Billed Revenue Projection and Revenue Billed, History 2016 - 2022, dated 8/4/2022 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of FY 23 Approximate Received Revenue Projection and Revenue Received, History 2016 - 2022, dated 8/4/2022 (presented by: Hans Keijser)