

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable's Hyannis Water Board was held on April 19, 2022 at 3:00 PM remotely via ZOOM (as posted per instructions on the agenda- "The April 19, 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:

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Meeting ID: 861 4314 4153, US Toll-free 1-888-475-4499

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

Staff present (On Zoom): Hans Keijser, Supervisor, Water Supply Division and Gordon Starr, Town Council.

Also present (On Zoom): Kevin Sampson from Veolia (formally Suez), Eric Callocchia, NewGen Strategies and Cheryl Osimo and Dr. Laurel Schaider, Silent Spring Institute.

A quorum being present (On Zoom), Chair O'Neil called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

O'Neil introduces and welcomes new board member Amy Wrightson and thanks her for stepping up in becoming part of the water board. Wrightson shares that she has been a proprietor of Sports Port located on West Main Street since 2007 and is looking forward to being part of this board and learning about the water system.

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 3/15/22 meeting minutes.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The 3/15/22 meeting minutes are approved.

Operations Report –

Sampson 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 March:

- Water main break located at Elm Avenue and Center Street was repaired.
- Curb box at 64 Fresh Holes Road was replaced.
- Water service was hit by a contractor at 86 Ridgewood Avenue, repairs were made.
- Cut and cap on a water service at 25 Maywood Avenue was completed.
- Curb valve broke upon a meter replacement at 126 Old Town Road, repair was made.
- Veolia staff (formally Suez) was on site for the Phinneys Lane sewer project walk through where details were discussed about the water portion of this project.
- Curb stop was replaced at 12 Priscilla Way upon detection of inoperability upon a meter replacement.
- Carbon exchange was completed at the Mary Dunn #2 location.

- Water leak call from customer at 73 King's Way was investigated after hours where it was found to be the customer's responsibility for repair. Approved contractors list was provided to customer.
- Water service was hit by a contractor at 37 Maple Avenue, repairs were made.

Sampson expresses to the board that deliverables are diligently being worked on. He adds that they are catching up on the meter replacements and is hopeful to have these completed by the end of June. He informs the board that the yearly flushing program started last week. O'Neil comments on the pumping numbers still being up from last year, along with the monies and collections coming in.

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

Hyannis Water System, 2021 Water Quality Report, review, discussion & vote (copy of report distributed) – Keijser reviews the report with the board stating that most of the information disclosed on the report is information and data that is required. He adds that upon approval from the board, the report will be distributed before July 1st. O'Neil asks the board if there are any questions. None present.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2021 Water Quality Report as presented.

VOTE: ROLL CALL YES: O'Neil, Jaxtimer, Wrightson, Wilson. The 2021 Water Quality Report is approved as presented.

FY23 Rate & fee increases, review with latest data, recommendation, discussion and vote – Keijser explains to the board of the discussion he had with Milne relative to the proposed 7% rate increase. Milne recommends that the proposed 7% increase be lowered to a 5% increase. Callocchia explains and reviews the new numbers in the rate tool that incorporates the 5% increase, explaining that it is still possible to retain an approximate 4 months of reserve funds by electing the 5%. O'Neil thanks Callocchia for the adjustment in the rate tool.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY23 rate & fee increases as presented.

VOTE: ROLL CALL YES: O'Neil, Jaxtimer, Wrightson, Wilson. The FY23 rate & fee increases are approved as presented.

Dr. Laurel Schaidler with an update on the CDC ATSDR (Center for Disease Control and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry) PFAS study (PowerPoint presentation given by Schaidler from The Silent Spring Institute) – Schaidler reviews the study with the board explaining that Hyannis and Ayer are the two towns in Massachusetts as part of the 7 states where this study is being conducted. She explains they are looking for participants for data collection in Hyannis until December. She adds that they have received 100 participants thus far. O'Neil asks how many participants are needed. Schaidler replies that 800 participants are needed from the Hyannis area. Osimo added that she would like to thank Keijser and the water board for all their dedication, action and remediation efforts towards this issue. She adds that she would like to obtain a zoom, short video of the board members. O'Neil adds that they are very committed and progressive to the clean-up efforts and treatment facilities of the Hyannis Water System.

Tom Holmes is leaving the Hyannis Water Board, thank you for all these years! – O'Neil states that the board is going to miss Holmes; he adds that he has given many years of dedication and tremendous commitment. O'Neil would like a letter composed and the board members sign it. Keijser adds that Holmes has been on the water board for a long time and his historical knowledge will be missed. Keijser will draft a letter for the board to sign.

Review Capital for FY 2023 – Keijser informs the board that the town council will vote on the following five capital requests at the town council meeting next Thursday:

1. Pipe Replacement and Upgrade Program- \$1,050,000
2. Water Supply Wells, Pump Station and Treatment Plant repair and upgrade program- \$200,000
3. Straightway Water Filtration Plant, design - \$1,000,000
4. Mary Dunn #1 Storage Tank Painting Project, design - \$65,000
5. Water Main Installation on Ocean Street, construction - \$480,000

Keijser expresses to the board members that it would be helpful to reach out to their assigned town councilors to inform them of these requested projects. O’Neil states the need to increase the amount of the Pipe Replacement and Upgrade Program for the future needs due to the current amount not going far enough. He emphasizes this needs to be a priority.

Capital project update by Nate Collins, Assistant Town Engineer – Collins is unable to attend meeting.

A matter not reasonably anticipated by the Chair – O’Neil informs the board that the water system received \$150,000 in grant money from the governor.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Sellitto

DPW, Water Supply Division –Administrative Assistant

Materials presented at meeting:

- Meeting Agenda April 19, 2022 (*presented by:* T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- Meeting Minutes for approval 3/15/2022 (*presented by:* T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- H.W.B. Monthly Report, March 2022 (*presented by:* Veolia, formerly Suez Water)
- FY '22 Pumping Projection spreadsheets, dated 4/11/2022 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Billed and Received Revenue Projection-FY'22, dated 4/11/2022 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Updated Rate Tool Model, dated April 15, 2022 (*presented by:* Eric Callocchia)
- Copy of Hyannis Water System Annual Water Quality Report for calendar year of 2021 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Historic Rate Increase Review DPW Water Supply Division, dated 3/22/2022 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of CIP FY23 Rational, dated 9/23/2021 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of letter from Commonwealth of Massachusetts-Office of the Governor, RE: PFAS, Interim Response Program, Round 2, MassDEP Drinking Water Program, dated 3/30/2022 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Newspaper articles (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)