

West Bridgewater Water Department
Board of Water Commissioners Meeting
January 2, 2024

Present: Arthur Cabral, John Cruz, Dylan Cragin, Wayne Parks and Kerry Buckley

Mr. Cabral called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

The Commissioners signed off on the Warrants.

Mr. Cabral began a discussion regarding the minutes of the December 18, 2023 meeting. Mr. Cabral asked Mr. Cruz and Mr. Cragin if they had any questions on the minutes to which they both stated no. Mr. Cabral stated that he would be abstaining from voting because he was not present at the last meeting. Mr. Cruz then made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023 minutes as written. Mr. Cragin accepted.

Mr. Cabral began a discussion regarding the minutes of the December 4, 2023 meeting. Mr. Cabral asked Mr. Cruz and Mr. Cragin if they had any questions on the minutes to which they both stated no. Mr. Cabral then made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023 minutes as written. The vote was unanimous by all members present.

Mr. Cabral then started a discussion On Stations 1, 2 and 4. Mr. Parks stated that they are working on a best site for the new plant. Mr. Parks also stated that we made it to the SRF funding list of \$10.7 million. Mr. Parks stated that he is reading through it but he still is not sure what we may be eligible for.

Mr. Cabral then started a discussion on Station 3. Mr. Parks stated that the PFAS filer ran and samples have been submitted to labs and he is waiting on the results. Mr. Parks also stated that he is waiting for approval from MassDEP before we can mail out the public notifications. Mr. Parks then stated that he found a lab in Vermont to do the MPA testing. Mr. Parks also stated that the cost is around \$2,400 for both rounds of testing. Mr. Parks also stated that we have received the 4-Log approval. Mr. Parks stated that it is 99.99% inactivation or removal of viruses. Mr. Parks also stated that it requires daily calculations running between a couple of sheets of excel and word.

Mr. Cabral then started a discussion on the Replacement Well. Mr. Parks stated that the VFDS are up and running and are programmed to run 100%. Mr. Parks also stated that they will be programmed into the SCADA soon.

Mr. Cabral then started a discussion on Walnut Street Tank. Mr. Parks stated that the leak in the riser pipe may be loose flanges. Mr. Parks stated that when he rents the lift they will be ready to tighten the flanges as well as find a leak depending on what it is.

Mr. Cabral then started a discussion on Solar. Mr. Parks stated that he still needs to look into and that he hasn't had the time.

Mr. Cabral then started a discussion regarding ZBA and stated that he had received an e-mail from the attorney requesting information. Mr. Cabral stated that Mrs. Buckley had sent the e-mail with the information requested. Mr. Cabral stated that he has not heard back since.

Mr. Cabral then started a discussion regarding the Rules and Regulations and the Fees. Mr. Parks stated that he was working on the fees and that they have not been updated in 19 years. Mr. Cabral asked Mr. Parks to have them at the next meeting so the Commissioners and look at them and decide how to move forward. Mr. Parks stated that he would have them at the next meeting. Mr. Parks stated he would have them for the next meeting.

Mr. Cabral then started a discussion regarding Lincoln Street/106. Mr. Parks stated that they wanted to start but that there was an issue with asbestos in the house before they tear it down. Mr. Parks stated that the asbestos is around the windows and that they were waiting on someone to come and remove it. Mr. Parks also stated that the trees needed to be removed first anyway.

Mr. Cabral then started a discussion regarding the Communication Committee. Mr. Cragin stated that the vendor had shown the committee a presentation. Mr. Cragin stated that the emergency side looked good but that they needed to work on the communication side for announcements like water breaks.

Mr. Cabral then asked Mr. Parks about the water leak on South Main Street over the weekend. Mr. Parks stated that there was a water basin above the main and that it was cracked it. Mr. Parks stated that they had a hard time getting to the main because of that and it was coming out at 1,200 gallons a minute. Mr. Parks also stated that there was a gas main right above it. Mr. Parks stated that two guys from the DPW helped and that they were out there for 12-14 hours total. Mr. Cruz then asked why the water laborers were cutting the roads and not the DPW. Mr. Parks stated that he did not know why. A discussion then took place amongst the Commissioners and it was decided that they would coordinate a meeting when a new DPW Director was hired. Mr. Cabral then asked if there were any other issues on site. Mr. Parks stated that there were 3 gates that they need to look at.

Mr. Cabral then started a discussion on Water Rates/Service Fees. Mr. Parks stated that he forwarded the Water Commissioners the first draft and should wait for Mr. Cabral's return to look over. Mr. Parks also stated that he's almost done with the Rules and Regulations part of it and has made some modifications and set schedule dates. He needs a little more time for completion.

Mr. Cabral then started a discussion regarding the Lead and Copper Survey. Mr. Parks stated that a QR code had been put up on the website and that there were only two entries, which were his. Mr. Parks stated that he would send out a mass mailing before the bill goes out.

Mr. Cabral asked when the next meeting is scheduled. Mrs. Buckley stated Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

Mr. Cragin then made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm. Mr. Cruz seconded the motion.

Approved by:

Arthur Cabral