

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 3, 2009
MEETING ROOM 105
OPEN SESSION**

Present: Jared Adams, Dennis Ferreira, Jeff Weise, Ron Sharpin, Doug Valovcin

OPEN SESSION began at 7:00pm.
Jon Beekman arrived at 7:00pm.

Mt. HOLLIS REPAIR – STATUS

The mixer system has been installed at Mt. Hollis.
Sandblasting and painting will begin next Wednesday, June 11, 2009.
The contractor expects to complete the work in 10 days plus days to “cure”.
The delivery of two heavy crates was attempted late today, but will return tomorrow.

Ali Parand will be on site to monitor “downwind”.

While the paint is curing, the Water Department is hoping to install the Altitude Valve which was ordered today. The vendor has agreed to delivery within 7 – 10 days.

DRIVEWAY EASEMENT TO MT. HOLLIS

The board wants to follow the current road and come across Lot#2 (which the town owns) to access the Mt. Hollis standpipe after construction of new housing at Cutler School begins.

Mr. LeBeau, Mr. Adams, Mr. Sharpin, and Jonathan Juhl will approach Mr. Peredja of Jasper Hill Road because he has not yet made a decision about his plan for development of his property. Mr. Sharpin will also contact Mr. LeBeau and Town Counsel to confirm the right of access across the Peredja property.

The group has also spoken to Carl Damigella to gain access across his property, but he wants the Water Department to pay to revise his deed. That access would only be a backup to a main access.

RAIN BARREL – DISTRIBUTION

The distribution of rain barrels will be held on June 24, 2009 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm at the Foundry on Central Street.

CEDAR STREET BOOSTER STATION - STATUS

The representatives of Crestview Condominiums plan to respond to the board concerning their decision on the board's search for a new site for the booster station. Scenarios being considered include leasing, selling, and trade-offs with the Water Department.

RFP – CELLULAR ANTENNA - STATUS

Mr. Sharpin has prepared three RFPs for cellular antenna rentals for Hopping Brook, Oak Street, and Mt. Hollis. Paul LeBeau has reviewed them. Access at Hopping Brook is an issue because it is not yet determined that only the Water Department has access to the standpipe. Mr. LeBeau and Mr. Sharpin plan to further investigate the easement issue. On Mt. Hollis, a new provider would have to insure that there would be no interference with the two current providers on the standpipe. Mr. Adams also wants to include in the RFP that the new provider cannot interfere with the Water Department meter system and their SCADA system.

Mr. Sharpin expects that the RFPs would go out in the next two to three weeks.

FY10 BUDGET

Mr. Sharpin reported that the Operating Budget is 90% into the fiscal year. While labor is currently below budget, the money can be used to pay off Compensation Time and Vacation Time.

He reported that Electricity is under budget because Well #4 has not been running this year.

The department will be buying four fire hydrants @ \$1600.00.

There may need to be some small line transfers before the current fiscal year ends.

CHIEF OF OPERATIONS REPORT

The board reviewed the report submitted by Gary Haines, Sr., Chief of Operations. The monthly pumpage report was of interest to the board.

MILFORD WATER COMPANY

Mr. Sharpin plans to respond to the letter sent by the DEP which asks if the Water Department still plans to pursue a permit for Well #7. While the department does have a permit, it is not ACTIVE until the DEP gives approval for it.

Without additional capacity, the department may not be able to provide water to Milford Water Company unless DEP allows it. Mr. Ferreira suggested that a dialog be started NOW so that Milford won't have to go into Emergency mode. Jon Beekman said that the DEP is less sympathetic in issuing an emergency declaration to Milford that would allow them to buy water from another town because they have not been good stewards.

He reminded the board that the official water usage is 65 gallons/per person/per day. The installation of new meters has reduced the unaccounted-for water from 17% to 12%.

EXPERT WITNESS

Jack Merrill met with Gary Haines, Sr. recently and they found the old plans for the aerator for Well #4.

John Bergendahl, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, is the expert witness working on the case. After inspecting Well #4, he has developed a strong case of linking contaminants in the paint with contaminants in the water.

Mr. Adams made a motion: **“Motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for discussion of potential litigation”**

Mr. Weise seconded the motion.

Mr. Adams voted “AYE” in favor of the motion.

Mr. Ferreira voted “AYE” in favor of the motion.

Mr. Weise voted “AYE” in favor of the motion.

Mr. Weise made a motion: **“Motion to close EXECUTIVE SESSION”**

Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferreira voted “AYE” in favor of the motion.

Mr. Adams voted “AYE” in favor of the motion.

Mr. Weise voted “AYE” in favor of the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION closed at 9:17pm.

Jon Beekman left at 9:17pm.

OPEN SESSION began at 9:18pm

MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes of April 15, 2009 were reviewed.

Mr. Adams made a motion: **“Motion to accept the minutes of April 15, 2009 as written”**

Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion.

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Mr. Ferreira, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Weise voted in favor of the motion.

The minutes of May 6, 2009 were reviewed.

Mr. Adams made a motion: **“Motion to accept the minutes of May 6, 2009
as written”**

Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion.

Mr. Adams, Mr. Weise, and Mr. Ferreira voted in favor of the motion.

The minutes of May 4, 2009 were reviewed.

Mr. Adams made a motion: **“Motion to accept the minutes of May 4, 2009
as written”**

Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion.

Mr. Weise, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Ferreira voted in favor of the motion.

INVOICES AND CHANGE ORDERS

Invoices and change orders were signed by the board.

Mr. Weise made a motion: **“Motion to adjourn”**

Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion.

Mr. Adams, Mr. Ferreira, and Mr. Weise voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Next BWC meeting – Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Keating
Clerk

Approved 6/24/09 as written

AGENDA

Board of Water Commissioners Meeting

June 3, 2009

(Meeting to start at 7:00 PM in Room #105)

- **Public Comments – (7:00-7:15)**

- **Water Department Activities – (7:15 – 8:00)**
 - *Storage Tanks- Mt Hollis
 - Status
 - Antenna Relocation
 - Altitude Valve
 - Driveway Easement
 - *Rain Barrels
 - *Cedar Street Booster Station
 - *Energy Audit
 - *Paint incident-expert witness visit to Well #4
 - *RFPs – cellular antenna
 - *Budget
 - FY09 status
 - Project status

- **Well #7 – (8:00 – 9:00)**
 - *History
 - *Status

- **Invoices and Minutes – (9:00 – 9:30)**

- **Adjourn**

Next BWC Meeting – June 17, 2009 @ 7:00PM @ Town Hall