

# Foxboro Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

## Open Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2016

Members in Attendance: Michael Stanton, Chairman; Richard Pacella, Vice-Chairman; and Robert Garber, Clerk

Others in Attendance: Roger Hill, DPW Director; Christopher Gallagher, Town Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Stanton.

Matters Discussed:

### Rate Hearing

The rate hearing will be on May 23, 2016.

There is a problem with some of the meters installed for commercial accounts. They are not properly sized, and often too large, which makes the water readings inaccurate. There was a discussion about what to do and it was decided that the Board would consider changing the Rules and Regulations to require appropriate sizing to be reviewed by the Water Department.

The language for the change in the Rules and Regulations is almost done.

The bids for Sprague Road are in and the low bidder was \$166,000. The second bidder was \$30,000 higher. The Main Street bids are due on March 24, 2016.

With regard to the rate study, Randy Scollins informed the Board that the Town took a straight 10% indirect charge for the Water Department to cover the salaries of various town employees, some of whom rarely do the volume of work that 10% represents. Shawn Koorn will re-do the rate study to take that amount into consideration and come in one more time for a final presentation.

### Outdoor Advertising

Steve Madaus has sent a letter to the Kraft Group. He will let us know when he gets a response.

He explained that the Board had 2 options:

1. Act on the original agreement and restore the billboards; or (his recommendation)
2. Send a letter to clarify ownership of the billboards with a notice to terminate the agreement and remove the billboards.

There was a discussion regarding the next steps to be taken, including putting out an RFP for advertising on the water tank. Attorney Madaus will draft a letter for the Board's review terminating the MOA and proposing a plan to advertise on the water tank, and, if necessary, take down the billboards.

Water and Sewer Issues

1. The yogurt store at Patriot Place closed and they paid the final bill. The owner is requesting an abatement. Bob Worthley will investigate the circumstances and get back to the Board with all the details.
2. Gene Cormier, 131 Washington Street, is asking for a 1<sup>st</sup> quarter reading. Bob Worthley and Chris Gallagher will contact him to remind him the Department is not doing individual readings anymore.

The Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2016, February 1, 2016 and March 7, 2016 were presented and upon motion of Robert Garber, and seconded by Richard Pacella, these minutes were approved.

The next meeting will be April 4, 2016. Upon motion duly made by Michael Stanton and seconded by Richard Pacella, it was voted to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne L. Zinni

\*\*\*\*\*

These minutes of March 21, 2016 were approved on May 16, 2016



Robert T. Garber, Clerk