



**Georgetown Water Department
Board of Water Commissioners Meeting**

Minutes Recorded

Meeting Date: February 7, 2023

Meeting Location: Water Office

1 Moulton St Georgetown, MA.

Attendance:

Board of Water Commissioners (BWC): Nick Lawler (Chairman), Jeff McClure, Steve King

Georgetown Water Department (GWD) Staff: Marlene Ladderbush (Utility Director), Stacie Melchin (Water Clerk)

Minutes keeper: Stacie Melchin

Attendee: Robert Stevenson (Georgetown Resident 113 West Street)

Preliminary Matters:

Meeting called to order by Nick Lawler @ 7pm

Water Department

Agenda Item No.1

Financials FY23

Marlene reports that the FY23 budget remains on point with projections. Construction has been higher than usual due to the 51 West Main Street and 66 Parish Road developments. Marlene alerted the board that pipes, valves, and chemical prices are still increasing. Due to a chemical plant fire and possible supply issues the department has purchased extra bulk chemical causing an abnormal usage cost Also in efforts to keep construction prices down using government funding for gate repair, two gates were purchased in advance of infrastructure repair.

Agenda Item No.2

Financials FY24 Budget Draft

Marlene presented the board with the FY24 budget draft. A discussion ensued with considerations focused on inflation impacts and introduction of a rate increase. The BWC and Marlene also discussed that an article for the capital project should be prepared and presented for the May Town Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 3

Capital Projects Update

a. WTP Proposal for Design

The BWC and Marlene agreed that the updated and restructured design proposal for the WTP contains all the requested specifications and is ready to be accepted.

Agenda Item No.4

WTP Filter Refurbishment Update

Marlene reported to the board regarding the progression of the WTP filter refurbishment. A representative from Kurita is scheduled for inspection work on February 13, 2023, so if approved the project will move forward. BWC and Marlene were in agreement that Spring flushing must occur therefore if refurbishment is not complete by May the project will have to be postponed till late fall.

Utility Director Update

Agenda Item No.5

Approval of Tabled December 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve December 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes as amended moved by Steve King

Seconded by Jeff McClure

All in Favor

Vote 3-0

Agenda Item No.6

Approval of January 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve January 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes as amended moved by Steve King

Seconded by Jeff McClure

All in Favor

Vote 3-0

New Business (Taken Out of Order)

Agenda Item No.9

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Next meeting date set for March 7, 2023 at 7pm

Motion to adjourn from open session and enter into executive session without returning to open session moved by Steve King

Seconded by Jeff McClure

Roll Call Vote

Steve King-Yes

Jeff McClure- Yes

Nick Lawler- Yes