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Commissioners Meeting
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Agenda: Comments from Citizens
 Approve Minutes of June 15th Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Kennedy-Marshall Treatment Plant
Update on Water Main Project on Main Street/Coughlin Street/Taylor Road and
Huckleberry Lane

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of AWD's Participation in the MA WARN
Review of Current Quarterly Billing Results

Minutes of July 13, 2009 Commissioners Meeting

Regular bi-monthly meeting. Present were Commissioners Parenti, Phillips and Stuntz. Also in attendance were District Manager Chris Allen, Treasurer/Collector Mary Jo Bates, District Counsel Mary Bassett, Commissioners' Secretary Lynn Protasowicki, and Finance Member Dave Butler. Also attending tonight's meeting were District Moderator Richard O'Brien and George Johnston of ACES.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.

Comments from Citizens

There were no comments from Citizens at tonight's meeting.

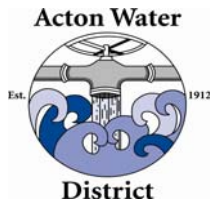
Approve Minutes of June 15, 2009

Mr. Parenti moved to accept minutes of the meeting held on June 15, 2009 and Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The Commissioners all voted in favor of approving the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Kennedy-Marshall Treatment Plant

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the rapid mixers at the Kennedy-Marshall Treatment Plant have been over-drawing amps since they were originally installed. It has been determined that the gear drive will need to be switched out from a 4040 to a 3853. This change will be at Philadelphia Mixing Solutions expense.



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Mr. Phillips expressed concern that due to the overheating already experienced that even after the change out of the gear drive the longevity of the rapid mixer motor will be cut short. Mr. Allen will speak with Waterline about this issue.

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection confirmed certification of the Kennedy-Marshall Treatment Plant. Certification states that the Kennedy-Marshall Treatment Facility for manganese and color removal was performed in accordance with the pertinent MassDEP approved design plans and specifications, as well as in accordance with MassDEP's regulations, guidelines, and policies. The certification also states that the low pH and chlorine alarms have been programmed into the PLC auto-dialer and will contact operating personnel in the event of alarm activation and facility shutdown. The facility was rated a 2T water treatment facility.

Mr. Phillips stated that he is concerned about hackers breaking into the on-line control system, which is accessed via a VPN tunnel, and would like details of the actual security protocols. Mr. Allen will discuss this with Mr. Robert Murch and will provide Mr. Phillips with the details.

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the plant has been pumping water to distribution and that the water quality looks great. The Acton Water Department received positive comments from Canterbury Hills stating that the water quality looks very clear.

The topic of naming the facility still needs to be determined and, in addition, a date for the dedication still needs to be decided.

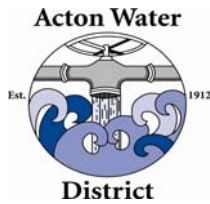
Update on Water Main Project on Main Street/Coughlin Street/Taylor Road and Huckleberry Lane

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that all the main water lines have been installed. The taps on Taylor Road still need to be installed. He stated that the 6" fire lines on Main Street need to be moved over to 12 inch main. Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the newly installed water lines will need to be pressure tested and disinfected with chlorine before water service can be turned on. Mr. Allen stated that 75% of the "Right of Entries" (ROE's) for entry onto private property has been received back from impacted customers.

OTHER BUSINESS

MPA Testing Results

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the second round of MPA testing of the Assabet and School Street sources has been completed. The final results determined that four of the five sources have received a "low" risk rating, while the Christofferson well received a "moderate" rating. Christofferson will need to be tested in the fall 2009 while the others will get tested again in spring 2010. Additionally, as part of the routine sampling plan, all wells with the exception of Kennedy and



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Marshall were tested. All of these samples received a rating of "Low". The Kennedy and Marshall wells will be tested in the fall of 2009.

James Deming v. Middlesex Retirement Board

District Counsel Mary Bassett informed the Commissioners that CRAB (Contributory Retirement Appeal Board) determined that the prior DALA (Division of Administrative Law) decision overruling the Middlesex Retirement Board stands. Ms. Bassett stated that Mr. Deming was pleased that the Commissioners supported him in his appeal from the Middlesex Retirement Board's initial decision.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of AWD's Participation in the MA WARN

Mr. Allen informed the Commissioners that the Acton Water District joined the Massachusetts Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN). The MA WARN allows water and wastewater systems in Massachusetts to receive rapid mutual aid and assistance from other systems in MA to restore services damaged by natural or man-made incidents. Massachusetts utilities sign the MA WARN standard agreement, which then allows them to share resources with any other system in MA that has also signed the standard agreement. There is a Steering Committee comprised of participating utilities, and period planning meetings. Participation is voluntary, and there is no obligation to provide aid when requested; this is left up to the discretion of the member utility.

Review of Current Quarterly Billing Results

Mr. Allen presented to the Commissioners a graph which shows the current quarterly billing results.

Mr. Allen mentioned to the Commissioners that there will be a rate increase in 2010.

Mr. Allen will provide to the Commissioners the "2009 Tighe and Bond Water Rate Survey" which compares water rates of a majority of Massachusetts towns in one document. This document is usually sent out in hard copy, but, this year, the distributor utilized electronic distribution to save paper.

Mr. Parenti moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.