

PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

April 13, 2021

Regular Meeting

4:00 PM

The 396<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board met on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
at 4:00 PM

The Chairperson, William Masuck, called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

ZOOM MEETING DIAL IN NUMBER: +1 646 558 8656 US (US Toll-free), at 4:00PM.

ENTER MEETING ID: 842 2399 0126 (When asked for participant ID)

**PWSB Members Present**

William Masuck - Present

James Bradford - Present

Thomas Hodge – Not Present

Mike Araujo - Present

Joanna L'Heureux - Present (Joined at 4:05pm)

Mark Theroux - Present

**PWSB Staff Present**

James DeCelles - Chief Engineer

Russ Houde - Assistant Chief Engineer

Christopher Collins – Source Water Manager

Robert Benson – CFO

Joe Keough – Attorney

Katie Peters – Executive Assistant

**Others Present**

Paul Belay – Property Owner

John Harwood – Attorney for Paul Belay

**Public Attendees** – None

**5A. Request for Easement – Mendon Road Property, North Attleboro, MA (AP 28, Lot 50)**

Paul Belay, owner of 114 Mendon Road, North Attleboro MA spoke to the Board regarding his desire to receive approval from the board to do some work on the piece of property adjacent to his. The adjacent property in question is watershed land owned by the PWSB. This work would include realigning the driveway, adding trees, shrubbery, lighting, and a decorative fence. He described to the board he would like to create park-like grounds on the property. Joe Keough advised Mr. Belay that this issue, the disposition of PWSB property, would be discussed in Executive Session.

**4.B Chief Engineer Report**

An inquiry was made regarding the Darlington Little League high water bill payment plan. PWSB Customer Service will be consulted on the issue. An update was given on the East Providence / Bristol County connection. Bristol County is expected to start construction on the first part of the pipeline beginning in April or May. An update on the new unidirectional nighttime flushing program was given, it has been successful so far.

**4. A Consent Agenda**

A motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by James Bradford and seconded by Mike Araujo.

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford - Yes

Mike Araujo – Yes

Joanna L'Heureux - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

**APPROVED**

**New Business:**

**5B. Suez-Reservoir Management Program**

A proposal was made to the Board to approve a contract with Suez for Reservoir Monitoring and Treatment services, in an amount not to exceed \$30,112. Suez and PWSB have been closely evaluating the water quality conditions in the reservoir system with respect to taste and odor. There has been a steady increase in the compounds that cause taste and odor issues within the distribution system. Suez was requested to research ways to mitigate the compounds and found a proprietary chemical compound called Earth-tec, which has been used successfully to treat the algae that causes the taste and odor compounds. These services would mainly be required between the months of April – September.

Motion to approve was made by James Bradford and seconded by Mark Theroux.

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford - Yes

Mike Araujo – Yes

Joanna L'Heureux - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

**APPROVED**

**5C. Arden Contract Renewal**

Source Water Manager, Chris Collins, recommended to the board that they approval the renewal of a contract with Arden Engineering, in an amount not to exceed \$15,150. Arden performs preventative maintenance on the HVAC systems at 85 Branch Street and 239 Grotto Ave.

Motion to approve was made by Mike Araujo and seconded by James Bradford.

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford - Yes

Mike Araujo – Yes

Joanna L'Heureux - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

**APPROVED**

**6A. Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mike Araujo and seconded by James Bradford to go into Executive Session to discuss the Request for Easement – Mendon Road Property, North Attleboro, MA (AP 28, Lot 50).

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford - Yes

Mike Araujo – Yes

Joanna L'Heureux - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

**APPROVED**

Executive session started at 4:20 PM

A motion was made by Jim Bradford and seconded by Mike Araujo to go out of executive session.

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford - Yes

Mike Araujo – Yes

Joanna L'Heureux - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

**APPROVED**

Regular session resumed at 4:55 PM

A motion was made by Jim Bradford and seconded by Joanna L'Heureux to seal the executive session minutes.

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford - Yes

Mike Araujo - Yes

Joanna L'Heureux - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

**APPROVED**

Next regular meeting will be May 11, 2021.

A motion to adjourn was made by James Bradford and seconded by Mike Araujo.

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford - Yes

Mike Araujo - Yes

Joanna L'Heureux - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

**APPROVED**

Meeting adjourned at 4:56pm.

Certified By: PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD, recorded by: kp

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Masuck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

William Masuck, Chairperson