



Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

December 6, 2021

Board members present:

Chrissy Roberts, Hingham

Steven Weiss, Hingham

Stephen Girardi, Cohasset

Donna Pursel, Hull

John Struzziery, Hull

Not present: Sam Mullin, Hingham

4:06pm Call to order

Steven Weiss made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 20, 2021 meeting. Stephen Girardi seconded. Roll call: Steven Weiss, Stephen Girardi, Chrissy Roberts and Donna Pursel yes, John Struzziery abstained due to not being present for 9/20 meeting.

Update from Water Superintendent Russ Tierney (see Russ's report for detail)

All updates in attached Superintendent's report. Some highlights: Capital improvements on track, treatment plant maintenance work underway including National Grid gas service and brush clearing, unaccounted for water at 15%, service calls have gone from 140+ a day to ~ 67 a day.

Cost of Service Study will be posted by end of January, Master Plan will be ready end Jan/early Feb. Board will review accordingly. Water Commissioner Liz Klein stated there will be a joint meeting between the Select Board and Advisory Committee to make recommendations on rates in Feb, no dates set yet. There is a budget to review Cost of Service Study every five years. Abrahams Consulting looking at rates every year.

Russ looked into significant water bills. Suez reported at the end of December. Broken meters and estimated readings compounded sewer problems. Capital replacement program possible.

Question from the public: Will we run out of water with too many new developments? Russ answered that they work with the Planning Board on every new development. They will get unaccounted for water even more under control and will look into other ways to get water, like from Cohasset for example.

Question on Dig Safe: who is negotiating the contract? Russ answered that this will be back in house by the end of the month.

Question: Are we a member of Mass WARN (Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network)? Russ thinks so. We have mutual aid with other towns for water/wastewater materials and labor and are reimbursed at town rates. Russ will check.

The next meeting was set for 2/7/22 at 4:00pm.

Stephen Girardi made a motion to adjourn. John Struzziery seconded. Roll call: Stephen Girardi, John Struzziery, Chrissy Roberts, Steven Weiss and Donna Pursel yes.

Adjourned 5:00pm