

CAMBRIDGE WATER BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2021

Due to COVID-19, this meeting is available virtually on Zoom. This meeting is being recorded.

This meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Those in attendance via *Zoom* were:

Cambridge Water Board (CWB): Ann Roosevelt, Jim Burruss, Mike McNeley and Jason Marshall

Cambridge Water Department (CWD): Sam Corda, Dave Kaplan, Jamie O'Connell, Fred Centanni, Krystina McNally, Ed Dowling and Mark Gallagher

A. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2020 MEETING

Mr. Marshall moved, and Mr. McNeley seconded the motion to approve the October 12, 2021 minutes as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Drought /Water Conservation Update: 2021 precipitation is 17" above average to date. Reservoirs are full. No issues noted.

Covid-19 Update: We are following City protocols; continuing to wear masks in the building and in all public places within the City. Installed wall mounted air purifiers in all offices and awaiting delivery of large area air purifiers for areas such as the cafeteria.

PFAS6 Update: The pilot study report is completed and the recommended filter media to remove PFAS has been approved by DEP. The bid specification for the replacement of the GAC filter media is progressing. We anticipate annual replacement of the GAC but will confirm the replacement cycle when the new media is installed, operating, and being routinely tested. We expect that the GAC Media Replacement Project will be completed in the Spring of 2022. Once completed the goal is to always maintain the PFAS6 levels consistently below 10ppt.

Continue to be in compliance with the MassDEP PFAS6 Regulations. The September PFAS6 result came in at 20.7ppt and as a result we have posted more specific public information on our website. Please use the following link to see this information on our PFAS page. The October PFAS6 results came in at 17.8ppt and we continue to monitor for PFAS on monthly basis. The 2021 3rd quarter PFAS6 average was 19.0ppt.

[PFAS Information - Water - City of Cambridge, Massachusetts \(cambridgema.gov\)](https://www.cambridgema.gov/pfas)

C. OPERATIONS

Transmission and Distribution:

Questions/Comments: Ms. Roosevelt asked about the status of the lead service line replacement program. Mr. Gallagher responded that we are replacing between 300 and 400 lead service lines per year and that we have about 1,900 to go.

Watershed:

Questions/Comments: Ms. Roosevelt asked when the Huron Avenue sidewalk would be installed. Mr. Kaplan answered that the first phase, Golf Club House to Aberdeen, would be started on November 1st and the second phase of the sidewalk, Aberdeen to Fresh Pond Parkway, would be started in the Spring of 2022. The sidewalk would be 5 feet wide and over 90% of it would be in the public right-of-way versus the Reservation.

Water Operations:

Questions/Comments: No Comments

Engineering:

Comments: The Huron Avenue sidewalk construction schedule was reiterated.

Business/Billing:

Comments: Ms. Roosevelt remarked that the Water Fund balance as of June 30, 2021 is \$10.8M.

D. ACTION ITEMS

None

E. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

No Comments

F. NEW BUSINESS

None

G. NEXT MEETING DATES/AGENDA – Meetings via Zoom

- December 14, 2021: Approved/Election of the President/SCADA Project Update
- January 11, 2022: Approved/Climate Change Presentation
- February 8, 2022: Approved/TBD
- March 8, 2022: TBA/TBD

Mr. McNeley moved, and Mr. Burruss seconded the motion to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 6:20pm. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.