

CAMBRIDGE WATER BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2021

As a result of the Walter J. Sullivan Water Purification Facility being closed to the public due to COVID-19, this meeting is available virtually on Zoom. This meeting is being recorded.

This meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Those in attendance via *Zoom* were:

Cambridge Water Board (CWB): Ann Roosevelt, Mike McNeley, Kathleen Kelly and Jason Marshall

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

Jason Marshall made an announcement that he would not be seeking another term as Water Board Member. He thanked the other Board Members for being so engaged and supportive and the Water Department staff for being extremely well versed and professional as a water department. He stated that he would stay on board until another member was appointed by the City Manager.

Ann Roosevelt noted that Jason was both knowledgeable as a board member and about City government and we will really miss you.

Resolution: Congratulating Jason on his excellent service on this board and will miss his thoughtful participation and wish him well on future endeavors.

Michael McNeley moved, and Jason Marshall seconded the motion to update the Demand Study in the near future. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ed Dowling announced that he was retiring at the end of this year after 32 years of service to the City.

A. MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2021 MEETING

Mr. McNeley moved, and Mr. Burruss seconded the motion to approve the June 8, 2021 minutes as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ed Dowling and Krystyna McNally gave the Water Quality Update: Ed Dowling talked about PFAS and water hardness. The final PFAS Pilot Study Report was submitted to DEP today (9/14/21). We are working on the bid specifications and documents for the GAC replacement, to be bid out once approved by DEP. The June, July and August PFAS6 results were June – 16.7 ppt; July – 17.9 ppt; August – 18.5 ppt; all below the 20ppt MCL.

Krystyna McNally updated the Board on the future Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) that will be promulgated in late 2024. Please see the below link to the presentation:

Key Topics: Water Quality, Drought Status and COVID-19 Updates

<https://www.cambridgema.gov/-/media/Files/waterdepartment/waterboardminutes/awaterqualitypresentationinthreeparts.pdf>

COVID-19 Update: The City is requiring wearing mask when in any municipal building effective August 23, 2021 until further notice. The mask requirement was expanded to all indoor public places effective September 3, 2021.

Drought/Water Conservation Update: As of August, we are over 10" above average for the calendar year 2021. The drought continues on the Cape. No drought is predicted for MA and the prediction is for normal precipitation through July of 2022.

We are continuing with our water conservation efforts via daily water conservation Tweets, updating our webpage with conservation tips on a regular basis, cable tv blurbs, indoor/outdoor water conservation stuffers and notes on the bills

C. OPERATIONS

Transmission and Distribution:

It was reaffirmed that our standard water main material is ductile iron cement lined (DICL) pipe. This in particular was relating to the North Point Extension project.

Watershed:

Land Acquisition: There is paperwork that needs to be signed by the Board and submitted to DEP. The Board Members made provisions to sign the paperwork.

There was a collapsed catch basin on the Hobbs Brook Dam that Waltham DPW repaired immediately.

It was also noted that there are a significant number of projects in our watershed.

Water Operations:

No Comments

Engineering:

No Comments

Business/Billing:

It was noted that there is an increase in billed water consumption.

D. ACTION ITEMS

Friends of Cambridge Athletics (FOCA) Run:

Mr. Marshall moved, and Mr. McNeley seconded the motion to approve the FOCA Run. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

E. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

None

G. NEXT MEETING DATES/AGENDA – Meetings via Zoom

- October 12, 2021: Approved/Fresh Pond Reservation/Eco-Counter Report
- November 16, 2021: Approved/PFAS6/Filter Media
- December 14, 2021: TBA/Election of the President
- January 11, 2022: TBA/TBD
- February 8, 2022: TBA/TBD

Ms. Kelly moved, and Mr. Burruss seconded the motion to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 6:28 pm. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.