

WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2024
10:00 A.M. WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Commissioners present: Bob Janes, Chair and Jack Duggan
Mark Marlowe Superintendent and Jodi Bertrand, Administrative Assistant
Rob Phillips, Finance Committee and Angus Jennings, Town Manager

Meeting called to order at 10:07

Water Rates- Duggan passed out Rates Options hand outs. He went over the scenarios and answered any questions while going over each option. He likes the hybrid 1 or 2. Residents should be conserving water and according to the Massachusetts Water Suppliers Rate Setting Process, we are billing on a much lower percentage for the conservation rate. Duggan also talked about how much Newburyport charges for the water and how much they increase yearly. Phillips asked to get everyone's opinion as to which scenario to put forward at the Public Meeting for vote/discussion. Janes, Duggan, Bertrand and Marlowe all would choose Hybrid 2 scenario.

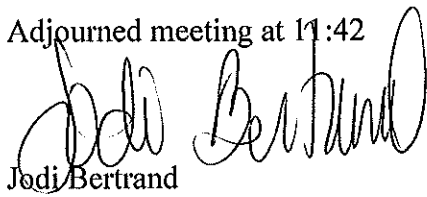
FY25 Budget and Article- Phillip passed out proposed budget line item hand out. Phillips would like the Water Commissioners to approve the FY-25 as proposed. Jennings added that the Legal line item for \$2k could be removed seeing that is budgeted into the Indirect Cost charge. He also questioned the Insurance line item which Bertrand confirmed should be a bit higher to include the Opt-Out and increase to the Property and Casualty calculation. Jennings also mentioned that the budget did not have to be voted on today and that we can wait until he has Indirect Cost and Insurance numbers, probably by mid-March.

Other Matters:

- Phillips would like a future meeting with both the Water Commissioners and the Select Board for what the future in Water Department looks like.
- Angus and Phillips said at the next Select Board meeting Monday, they will be discussing the ARPA funding.
- Discussion on future Capital Improvement Projects and what streets will be (needing) upgrade with new main how this will be done.
- Public Meeting, March 21st, 6:00pm being held at the Annex. Phillips will talk to Kaytlin about booking Annex for this date. Discussion on what information should be shown and having a pie chart showing FY-24 vs. FY-25.

Angus Jennings left the office at 10:59.

Adjourned meeting at 11:42



Jodi Bertrand
Administrative Assistant