**Town of Rowley**

**Municipal Water Department**
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**May 21, 2024**
**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Chairperson, Bernie Cullen, Commissioner, Mark Emery, Commissioner, John Manning, Superintendent, Bob Gray, Administrative Assistant, Kathy Bento

**Chairman Cullen opened the meeting at 6:40.**

**Agenda Items:**

1. **Reorganize Board:**
   Mark Emery motioned Commissioner Cullen to remain Chair. Chair Cullen seconded. **All in favor at 6:38.** Commissioner Emery motioned for John Manning to be Vice Chair. Chair Cullen seconded. **All in favor at 6:40.**

2. **Discuss PFAS:**
   Superintendent Gray explained that we will need 3-4 years to afford the WTP facility is ready to filter PFAS. Treatment will also be needed at Well 2. The new source will have to be evaluated and treated as well. Chair Cullen said there are a lot of 0% interest loans available and that we should move forward. He suggested we get pricing from other engineering firms for testing. Chair Cullen said the department can apply for grants through MWWA and that he would discuss this with Debbie Eagan.

3. **Discuss Abatement for 92 Trowbridge Rd.:**
   Commissioner Emery motioned to approve. Chair Cullen seconded**. All in favor at 7:30.**

4. **Discuss new service charges for new homes and developments:**
   Chair Cullen asked Bob Gray to check with Pennichuck and see if we charge for fire sprinkler service. Bob checked and the charge is $200/yr. (There was no discussion about the new service charges)

5. **Discuss Fenno Dr. main extension:**
   Bob Gray signed the Notice of Intent for the contract with Cardillo, Inc.
   He asked to start the project at Mansion Drive and move through to Fenno Dr., instead of starting at Fenno Dr. as previously discussed.

6. **Discuss budget:**
   Chair Cullen said the revenues are on target.

7. **Superintendents report on current and future operations of the department:** Commissioner Manning said that Bob Gray and Gus Serino will be putting together information to apply for a Cybersecurity Improvement Grant.

**Approve minutes:**

**March 19, 2024:**
**April 23, 2024**

**Next meeting: June 25, 2024:**

**Adjourn**: Commissioner Emery motioned to adjourn. Chair Cullen seconded**. All in favor at 7:40**

Minutes respectfully prepared by Kathy Bento.

**Documents provided/discussed at the meeting are available at the Water Department office:**
Meeting Agenda
Budget
Email from Highway dept.
Revised Abatement Policy

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