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**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM
21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022 - 4:00 PM**

This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

Present: Chairman Brian Butler, Clerk Stephen Mandile, Members Peter DeMers and John Wise

Also Present: Town Manager Steve Sette, Administrative Assistant Alexandra Clauss

Not Present: Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw

- 1) CALL TO ORDER– Butler called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 2) CITIZENS' FORUM – no one wished to speak
- 3) BUSINESS (Board of Selectmen sitting as Water and Sewer Commissioners)

a. Water & Sewer Abatement Request: Nicole A. Thyne, 10 Marion St.

Town Manager Steve Sette reviewed the background regarding this abatement request. Nicole Thyne, 10 Marion Street, in person to discuss the occurrence of 15,000 gallons of water being run through their meter system while the family was away. DPW Director, Benn Sherman, also present to help explain this situation. Due to the quantity of water gone, there would've been noticeable puddling or water damage if there had been a leak; but, upon inspection nothing was found. Due to no known location of the water, it was thought to have gone down the sewer system. Mrs. Thyne is requesting an abatement on the Sewer portion of her bill as the family was gone during this incident; and, she replaced the inner workings of the older toilets in case a leaky flapper was the problem. Sherman provided water usage charts to the Commissioners; discussion ensued regarding: the abatement policy; the equation for numbers to be run to confirm cost and the three to four (3-4) years of data needed to do so; and, the role of the Water & Sewer Commissioners acting upon a request like this. To allow further investigation, this item will continue at the next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen acting as the Water & Sewer Commissioners meeting.

b. Water & Sewer Project Update

DPW Director, Benn Sherman, in person to review and update the Board with on-going projects as updated on August 8, 2022 – including completion dates on parts already finished. Sherman has been working with Town Counsel to incorporate everything into one (1) fee/rate setting schedule; the DPW Fee Schedule will come soon. Discussion ensued between Sherman and the Commissioners regarding certain listed projects and the process of those projects. Annual Water Quality Report available to include status and quality of water and any violations that may have occurred; the report can be found on DPW website and at Town Hall around June of each year.

c. Continuation: Level 3 Critical Drought in the Central Region

Review and discussion of Commissioner DeMers' questions regarding the Level 3 Critical Drought occurred. Further discussion regarding the following occurred: wells running dry with a plan to

mitigate that; and, private wells running dry with owners to contact the local Board of Health. Sherman provided the Commissioners with documents covering what a Level 4 Designation looks like, stating that it would be a state of Emergency. On Wednesday, August 10, 2022 there will be another drought meeting; following that meeting, an update to the Commissioners will be provided.

4) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS – no one wished to speak

5) MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: DeMers

SECOND: Mandile

VOTE: to accept the meeting minutes of Monday, May 23rd, 2022. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES

6) ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTING AS WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING: **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022.**

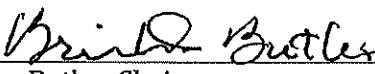
MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Mandile

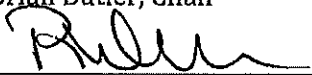
VOTE: to adjourn this August 8, 2022 meeting at 6:01 PM. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Mandile-YES, Butler-YES

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss

August 8, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen acting as the Water & Sewer Commissioners:



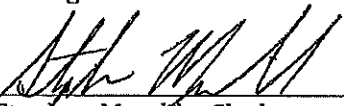
Brian Butler, Chair



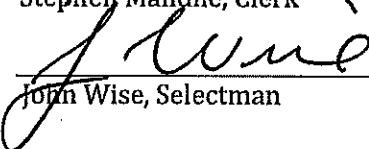
Peter DeMers, Selectman

11/28/2022

Date



Stephen Mandile, Clerk



John Wise, Selectman

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:

Agenda

Abatement Request Letter dated June 9, 2022 and,

Pertaining documents to: 10 Marion St Consumption Reports
10 Marion St Historical Usage History Reports
monthlyConsumptionAnalysis_August 1 2021_August 3 2022_HEIM NICOLE
Jan - Mar 2022 Quarterly Bill - 10 Marion St

DPW Projects Update as of 08/08/2022

Level 3 Critical Drought: Email Correspondence
Questions & Answers Packet

Meeting Minutes dated: May 23, 2022