

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable's Hyannis Water Board was held on June 16, 2020 at 3:00 PM remotely via ZOOM (as posted per instructions on the agenda- "Virtual meeting via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/9643848508?pwd=c3Z6VFFyY1B4ZU9QUtZL093SXJtQT09>, meeting ID: 964 384 8508, password: TOB1639 or by phone: (888)475-4499, meeting ID: 964 384 8508; due to being physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In attendance (On Zoom) were: Steve O'Neil, Tom Holmes, Jonathan Jaxtimer and Mark Sexton.

Staff present (On Zoom): Hans Keijser, Supervisor, Water Supply Division, Gordon Starr, Town Council and Lynne Poyant, Zoom host.

Also present (On Zoom): Mike Leahy from Suez Water, Laurel Schaidler, Silent Spring Institute, Deb Krau and Sue Phelan, residents.

A quorum being present (On Zoom), Chair O'Neil called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The Agenda is approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 5/19/20 meeting minutes.

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VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The 5/19/20 meeting minutes are approved.

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Operations Report –

Leahy reports that COVID is still impacting operations. He explains that staff is continuing to work in 2 separate teams (night & day). He adds that as of June 1st, all full time staff has been back to work on a rotating schedule with appropriate plexi-glass in place. He informs the board that the annual inspection at the Maher treatment plant air stripper was completed with no issues found and the semi-annual exterior and roof inspection was completed at the Mary Dunn, Straightway and Maher tank locations.

Leahy reports that the following repairs were addressed:

- Week of 5/4/2020, the flow meter at the Mary Dunn #2 failed, as of May 8th, the entire unit was swapped out and is back online.
- No heat at the Straightway location (3rd time); Robies was contacted and found the flame sensor was bad. The sensor was replaced.
- Week of 5/18/2020, the COMM interconnection was put back in service; on 5/26/2020, the chlorine analyzer failed which resulted in it being taken out of service. The parts were ordered and analyzer was repaired, the interconnection is back in service.

Leahy informs the board about the following distribution issues and leaks that were repaired:

- Service leak at 147 Walton Avenue and 48 Rosary Lane were repaired.
- Annual flushing was completed on 5/26/2020.

Leahy reports that deliverables and collections are continuing to back up due to the continuing COVID-19 situation. He adds that the 2 inch meters will be completed; however the others may take another 2 months. Keijser adds that a postponement of collections was put into place until July 1st which will interfere with the

revenue stream. He adds that only about 1% - 2% is prevalent to the COVID situation, however, the 8% - 9% is due to pumping numbers being down through-out the year. As a result, the controlled, reduced spending in the operating budget will be able to return approximately \$400,000.00 to the reserves.

All required monthly reports and sampling were completed and submitted on time.

COVID-19 action plan –

Keijser reports that relative to the town side of operations; mandatory safety plans are in place. The shared office of the administrative assistant and project engineer has been rearranged in compliance with the COVID-19 directives where working areas need to be at least six feet apart. He adds that the front office is open with mask-wearing and receiving an average of 4-5 customers per day. He adds that all are acclimating to the “New Normal”.

The passing of Harold Tobey, active Hyannis Water Board member, reflection – The board shares the sad loss of board member Harold Tobey. It is expressed that his dedication to the town and village of Hyannis was non-stop for over 50 years. The board discusses naming the new Maher Filtration Plant in Tobey’s Honor.

Maher Filtration Plant, dedication plaque, proposal, discussion and vote (paperwork given) – The board discusses dedicating the new filtration plant in Harold Tobey’s honor. A letter will be drafted to the town manager. Keijser will distribute the letter. O’Neil advises the members to reach out to their councilors to inform them of this plan. Keijser raises the question of who will take over Tobey’s councilor assignments, O’Neil responds that he will.

A motion was made and seconded to forward a letter to the town manager dedicating the Maher Filtration Plant in Harold Tobey’s name.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. A letter will be sent to the town manager dedicating the Maher Filtration Plant in Harold Tobey’s name.

Silent Spring, Laurel Schaidler, update on research projects related to water quality, children’s health and STEEP – Schaidler starts the conversation with stating the Hyannis Water System has done a great job with their efforts relative to PFAS contamination, remediation and education. She updates the board that all research projects are still on board; however, some of the testing procedures have been halted due to the current COVID situation. She explains that continuing testing of private water wells through STEEP have been halted due to COVID as well as other outreach programs. She adds that last fall, two presentations were conducted through STEEP and virtual presentations will most likely be needed for the future. She adds that the PFAS Reach project involving community health are actively enrolling participants now for testing and although collecting samples currently are unavailable due to COVID, they are working with Cape Cod Healthcare relative to that aspect.

Water Quality Report for the Hyannis Water System, update – Keijser informs the board that the reports were printed and are being distributed now to Hyannis residents with their bill. He adds that the report has also been added to the town website.

State of water supply conservation, update – Keijser informs the board that this has been posted in all the normal locations as well as being advertised in the Cape Cod Times and the Barnstable Patriot.

Capital Project Update –

Projects Update -

- The installations of interim carbon filtration units, update – Keijser reports that pressure testing, flushing, chlorination and sampling have been done and are currently being filled with carbon. He adds that they are expected to be completed next week. Keijser informs the board that they are awaiting DEP approval. He adds that the Airport location is scheduled to go online first; then the Straightway location two weeks later.
- New well exploration program, test well drilling is done, next steps – Keijser informs the board that all test well drilling sites are completed. He adds that Weston & Sampson is compiling the information generating a report recommending 1 or 2 sites. Keijser anticipates receipt of this report at the end of September.
- Mass DOT Rte. 28 / Yarmouth Road Project, update – Keijser informs the board that this is still under review at the Mass DOT legal department. He adds that only 1 bid was received for this project and was way over the projected cost. Keijser anticipates that this may go back out to bid. He states that some work has been done relative to the intersection near the KAM building and railroad.
- Mary Dunn 4, replacement well construction, Weston & Sampson, update – Keijser states that the well construction report has been received and it looks good. He adds that they are pending DEP approval currently.
- Maher Filtration Plant, treatment for PFAS, 1,4 Dioxane and Manganese & Iron, update – Keijser reports that everything is on schedule and on budget. He adds that start-up for testing is projected in August, with anticipation of being on-line by the end of September.
- Cleaning & Lining job on Main Street East, Phase 2, finished – Keijser reports that the project is completed.
- COMM Permanent Interconnect on Longview Drive, update – Keijser informed the board that this project was put out to bid for a second time and is currently under review with DPW Administration. He adds that the temporary unit is currently up and running and hopefully the permanent interconnection can be done over the fall and winter and be put online in the spring.
- Independence Drive Project, water main looping from Attucks Lane to Home Depot Plaza – Keijser informed the board that this will be a resolution to the dead end on Attucks Way by providing looping from Attucks Way to the Home Depot Plaza.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the chair – Keijser informs the board that there will not be a July meeting, and that the next meeting will be held on August 18, 2020. Sexton requests a moment of silence for Harold Tobey.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Sellitto

DPW, Water Supply Division –Administrative Assistant

Materials presented at meeting:

- Meeting Agenda June 16, 2020 (*presented by:* T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- Meeting Minutes for approval 5/19/2020 (*presented by:* T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- H.W.B. Monthly Report, May 2020 (*presented by:* Suez Water)
- FY '20 Pumping Projection spreadsheets, dated 6/11/2020 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Billed and Received Revenue Projection & 7 year average spreadsheets, dated 6/11/2020 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)

- Copy of Draft letter to Town Manager RE: Maher Filtration Plant, naming dedication for Harold Tobey, dated 6/16/2020 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Harold Tobey Filtration Plant plaque draft, (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Hyannis Water Board Councilor Assignments, dated 6/10/2020 (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Newspaper clippings (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)