



HARVARD WATER - SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022
Virtual Meeting Held in accordance with Governors Executive Order Suspending
Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law

Cindy Russo, Chair *Kyle Hedrick* *Richard Maiore*

Present: Cindy Russo, Chair, Kyle Hedrick, Commissioner, Rick Maiore, Commissioner, Town Administrator, Tim Kilhart, DPW Director, Joan Eliyesil, Harvard Press.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

1. The minutes of February 16, 2022 and February 23, 2022 were approved without correction.
2. Cindy reported on last night's Select Board meeting. The Select Board voted to authorize the Water Commission to expend up to \$100,000 to proceed with a chlorination system and chlorine analyzer to be located in the existing vault. This will meet DEP requirements to get Well 02 back on line. The Select Board also voted to authorize the Water Commission to expend \$10,000 for engineering services to Tighe and Bond to investigate the cost and feasibility of connecting the water system to Devens.
3. Tim Bragan reported that he is investigating the option of retaining an outside operator for the water system while the permanent solution (either Devens or a treatment plant) is in progress. The DPW is incurring annual overtime cost of approximately \$20,000 to operate the chlorination system.
4. In a reconsideration of last week's decision, the Commission voted unanimously to proceed with Alternative #1, liquid chlorine, at a cost of \$60,000. This decision saves \$40,000. The reasons for the decision were: (a) if a decision is made to go to Devens, this chlorination system will be in use for only 2-3 years and (b) the burden on DPW of using the liquid chlorine will not be a factor if we use at outside operator.
5. The Commission voted unanimously to enter contract with \$10,000 contract Tighe and Bond for an investigation of the cost and feasibility of connecting the water system to Devens. Tim Kilhart will ask Tom Mahanna to prepare a contract.
6. Tim Bragan reported that electrical work will finally proceed at the sewer plant. The work was designed two years ago but, because it requires participation of computer experts and electricians working together, it could not scheduled earlier because of the pandemic.
7. Tim Bragan will check on the current usage of the septic plant.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25.