

Board of Water Commissioners

May 2, 2022

Present:

- Board of Water Commissioners: Mr. Bill Ramsey, Chair, Ms. Liz Klein, and Mr. Joseph Fisher
- Mr. Tom Mayo, Town Administrator
- Ms. Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator for Finance
- Mr. Art Robert, Assistant Town Administrator for Operations

6:00 PM: Call to order

Mr. Ramsey called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

“This meeting is being held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording. “
No one indicated that they were recording.

He announced that the Board of Water Commissioners participating in the meeting were himself, Bill Ramsey, Ms. Liz Klein, and Mr. Joseph Fisher. The meeting was conducted both in person and remotely via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the minutes dated March 15, 2023. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Agreement with Centrifuge-Systems, LLC

Mr. Russ Tierney, Water Superintendent, presented. While centrifuge #2 was undergoing recent repairs, centrifuge #1 was in need of replacement. The replacement has been approved and should be up and running in the next month or so. In the meantime, they found out that they would no longer be able to get parts for the other centrifuge going forward. They decided to go out to bid on a second new centrifuge because both units have exceeded their life expectancy and have been in service for 26+ years. The publicly posted competitive bid process produced one bid, which was from the same company that produced the other centrifuge. Once the contract is signed, the new centrifuge can be expected to be ready next year. There is a 15-year warranty on the bowl of the new centrifuge and a 10-year warranty on other parts. They plan to pay for this through their Capital Outlay budget. The WRWS staff plan to do the labor for any repairs going forward. Ms. Kathy Reilly, Procurement and Contracts Manager, noted that the bid price was \$563,100.00, which was \$5,600 less than the previous replacement. Mr. Tierney said that this item is within their budget.

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve of the Agreement with Centrifuge-Systems, LLC to provide the Town with a new centrifuge to replace the existing centrifuge #2 located at the Weir River Water System Water Treatment Plant (WTP), 900 Main Street, Hingham in an amount not to exceed \$563,100.00. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Water Superintendent Update

Mr. Tierney reported that the Weir River Water System has received a couple awards as of late. In mid-April the water company was awarded two awards. This first was an award for being one of the highest scoring water companies in the state. The second award was awarded to employee Darren Death, Project Manager for Veolia, for Operator of the Year for the Southeast Region. Factoring into this award was the WRWS's low PFAS levels, which were at a 70% removal. Mr. Tierney felt that Mr. Dearth has been running the plant flawlessly even with some very big challenges. Mr. Tierney plans to attend "Drinking Water Day" at the Statehouse on May 11, where the awards will be given to the Town.

Public Comment

"The Hingham Board of Water Commissioners encourages community engagement and welcomes questions and comments as agenda items are discussed at the meeting. In addition, we have set aside up to fifteen minutes for public comment for items that fall under the purview of the Select Board and are not already on tonight's agenda. If any guests wish to speak, please seek to be recognized. Once recognized, state your name and address and address your comments to the Chair. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker and must relate to topics within the scope of the responsibilities of the Board of Water Commissioners. Speakers are encouraged to present their remarks in a respectful manner and not to indulge in personalities. The Public Comment period is not a time for debate by members of the Select Board. The Board of Water Commissioners is not adopting or endorsing any of the comments made during the Public Comment period."

There were no comments from the public.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM

Documents: A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Select Board office.