

**CITY OF BROCKTON
WATER COMMISSION
Minutes
November 9, 2015**

Present: Ossie Jordan, Chairman/Commissioner
Bernie Hassan, Commissioner
Dan Murphy, Commissioner
Jim Bragg, Commissioner
Kate Archard, Commissioner
Brian Creedon, Water Systems Manager
Neil A Lefaiivre
Domingos Veiga

Absent: Larry Rowley, DPW Commissioner
Alisa Hambly

Mr. Jordan called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.; calling for the approval of the October 13, 2015 minutes.

Mr. Bragg moved to accept the October 13, 2015 minutes, this motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy, and so voted in favor unanimously; motion passed.

Mr. Jordan noted that Mr. Rowley is not in attendance.

Mr. Jordan called for a report from the **Water System Manager**. **Mr. Creedon reported** that he has provided 2 months of flows and that we have been taking Aquaria water for over 20 million for the last 2 months and for last week at 1 MGD, and that he will be extending it for another week; as Halifax is taking water at approximately 230,000 gallons per day, 2.37% of the October flow, for their tank painting which began on September 1, 2015. Silver Lake has dropped to -64"; Aquaria has helped so the level is not reduced any faster. Monponsett is less than zero and Furnace Pond is not being diverted because of the herring run as we are required to make sure the herring can get in and out of Furnace Pond. Monponsett is down due to lack of rain, we are down over 8 inches for the year. Mr. Jordan stated that the algae problem should be gone in December due to cold temperatures. We have been speaking with DEP on a plan to divert Monponsett a different way, and are also looking at finding a grant to look at installing a bladder gate to stop the back flow from West to East Pond.

Mr. Jordan opened the hearing for the property at 423 Belmont St and invited Neil Lefaiivre and Domingos Veiga to present its application. Mr. Creedon stated that the project has been reviewed at Site Review and that the application listed water usage at the full Title V usage and as the Water Commission issues permits at 60% of that usage which means that the permit should be 300 gal/day for the 2 two bedroom apartments and 400 for the retail 1st floor for a total of 700 gal/day. **After some discussion Mr. Murphy moved to issue the permit for a usage of 700 gal/day, this was seconded by Mr. Hassan and accepted unanimously.**

Mr. Jordan opened the meeting for discussion of the **2015 WC Work Plan** and the **purchase of Aquaria Water Treatment Plant**. He discussed if the treatment plant could not replace the complete flow if an event resulted in taking out both pipes from Silver Lake. Mr. Creedon stated that work is being done at this time to make sure that the gates on the transmission mains are working so that one pipe could continue supplying water so that what occurred in May could be avoided and Aquaria could supply its maximum flow. The Commission questioned whether they could produce their contracted maximum and

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Mr. Creedon stated when we asked them to produce 3.5 mgd for a week they did, however the plant needs to make upgrades which was in the CDM report of a storage tank and other changes. We have no other connection that could provide enough water for the City. Mr. Creedon was questioned about the Stoughton connection he stated that it has been disabled by the Town, but the town's connection to MWRA would be a connection that possibly could supply the City but we would need to contact MWRA for permission. He stated in his opinion no other connection could supply the City in an emergency.

Mr. Jordan opened the meeting for discussion of the Board of Health vote to have the City Fluoridate the water supply. Mr. Creedon informed the Commission that Mr. Tartaglia who was invited was unable to attend due to a previously scheduled appointment but is willing to come back at a future meeting. Mr. Jordan noted that 4 members of the commission attended the November 3rd Board of Health meeting. Mr. Tartaglia informed the Commission that in accordance with Chapter 111 Section 8C he must advertise the BOH Order and then allow 90 days for a petition of 10% of the register voters of the City to request a referendum at the next biennial state election. Mr. Jordan reported that the BOH in their handout gave estimates of the initial instillation cost and annual costs for various communities. The Board stated that the initial setup cost can be funded by the State Department of Public Health. A letter will be sent to the BOH to clarify this source of funding.

Mr. Jordan noted that we need to consider action on the Aquaria purchase question at our December meeting and that he will send a letter to the Solicitor's Office on previous opinions on the Aquaria Contract.

The Commission discussed meeting times and decided that Monday meetings would be at 10:00 AM. The next meeting will be on December 14, 2015.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted and certified by:

Brian M. Creedon,
Water Systems Manager
Clerk of the Commission