

**CITY OF BROCKTON
WATER COMMISSION
Minutes
December 14, 2015**

Present: Ossie Jordan, Chairman/Commissioner
Bernie Hassan, Commissioner
Dan Murphy, Commissioner
Jim Bragg, Commissioner
Kate Archard, Commissioner
Brian Creedon, Water Systems Manager
Drew Garvin, JK Holmgren Eng. Inc.

Absent: Larry Rowley, DPW Commissioner
Alisa Hambly

Mr. Jordan called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.; calling for the approval of the November 9, 2015 minutes.

Mr. Bragg moved to accept the November 9, 2015 minutes, this motion was seconded by Ms. Archard, 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 this month's flows and a copy of the summary page of the flows since 1996. Over past 2 months the usage have been at just below 10 mgd and up to 10.6 mgd and this has been influenced by the Town of Halifax usage, which he provided a copy of their usage, that has average at about 270 thousand a day and will be billed over \$100,000 for the 26+ million gallons. This brought up the outer town or wholesale rates which are \$3.81 per 1000 gallons or \$2.85 per 100 cubic feet which is set by the Water Commission in negotiations with the towns the authority comes from the 1964 legislation and we can bring up at our next meeting. The last increased occurred in July of 2008 when the City rates were last increased.

Silver Lake is at minus 60.60 inches below full today. This is a result due to our lower than normal rainfall which is down over 10 inches for the year. We have begun diversions of both Monponsett Pond and Furnace Pond. The diversion at Monponsett is partially opened to slow the backflow from West Pond into East Pond. The diversion at Furnace Pond has been shut as the Pembroke Herring Board has seen juveniles in the pond and we will wait to resume in coordination we the herring Board. In review of the 20 year flow history you will find that we have been at minus 60 inches at Silver Lake in 5 previous years each had lower than normal rainfall. If we had funds to use Aquaria as in the drought management plan this would be alleviated.

At 10:15 the Chairman called for a recess to allow Mr. Creedon to contact the two hearing's engineer on their appointment.

Mr. Jordan reconvened the meeting at 10 30 and began discussion of the Brockton Water System's emergency supply. It was noted that during the transmission break in May that the Aquaria connection was our only supply. Mr. Creedon stated that the City received about 3.2 MGD during the period. The Commission questioned whether they could produce their contracted maximum and Mr. Creedon stated when we asked them to produce 3.5 mgd for a week they did, however the plant needs to make upgrades

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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. Jordan opened the hearing for the property at 1245 Main St. for a new CVS Store and invited Drew Garvin of J.K. Holmgren Engineering Inc. to present its application. Mr. Creedon stated that the project has been reviewed at Site Review and that the application listed water usage at 850gpd is based on previous CVS store usage for similar structures. Mr. Garvin stated the new CVS would be on 4 existing lots at the site. **After some discussion Mr. Bragg moved to issue the permit for a usage of 850 gal/day, this was seconded by Mr. Hassan and accepted unanimously.**

Mr. Jordan opened the hearing for 1315 Main St. for an addition to the Teen Challenge Campus adding 46 beds and invited Mr. Garvin to present the application. Mr. Creedon stated that this project was also reviewed by Site Review.. **After some discussion Mr. Bragg moved to issue the permit for a usage of 1,380gal/day, this was seconded by Ms. Archard and accepted unanimously.**

Mr. Jordan opened the meeting for discussion of the **purchase of Aquaria Water Treatment Plant**. Mr. Dan Murphy noted that he is employed by CDM Smith that did the report evaluating the Aquaria Water Treatment Plant for the City. He stated that he is in a different Division of CDM and that he does not receive any remuneration from that section which was done through the Providence Office and he works in Boston. Mr. Hassan and other Commissioners stated this is not an issue with him voting on the issue. Ms. Archard noted that he could get an opinion from State Ethics if he desired. Mr. Hassan noted that we are voting to continue to negotiate with Aquaria on the Letter of Intent, "LOI", not a Purchase and Sales for the City. This action will allow the Mayor and City Council approve the "LOI" and to send to the State Legislature a home rule petition allowing the City to negotiate with Aquaria. After careful discussion his motion was made that the Water Commission approve that **the Mayor, City Council, CFO and the Water Commission to negotiate the Sale and Purchase Agreement for the Aquaria Desalination Plant. The vote was called and Mr. Hassan, Mr. Bragg and Mr. Jordan voted in favor, Ms. Archard vote against and Mr. Murphy abstained from voting. The Motion Passed.**

Mr. Jordan stated that as we had earlier in the year we need to regularly invite Aquaria to a future meeting.

The Commission discussed meeting times and decided that Monday meetings would be at 10:00 AM. The next meeting will be on January 11, 2016.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted and certified by:

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