

Hopkinton Village Precinct Water District Meeting – August 15, 2022
Meeting to order 6:35pm

In attendance:

Rick Desmarais	Mike O'Connor
Sandy Bender	Suzi Calley

Review of July Minutes. Motion to approve by Sandy, 2nd by Mike, All in Favor.

July Invoice

Monson - \$1,361.80	
WSO - \$1000.00	Eversource - \$796.44

Accounts Receivable: \$8,621.54

Many customers are late in paying, due to vacations.
Suzi will follow up with reminders.

Bank Balance: \$110,920.00
Loan Balance: \$90K (Annual payments of \$11,537 due March)
Loan Balance: \$70K (Annual payments of \$8,101 due October)

Project Status

WSO+ has been onsite frequently and has delivered a punch list. Concerns raised about some of the work onsite and final inspection will be raised with contractors and project management.

Solar Project Discussion

Decision was made to hold off and re-evaluate when we have the new pumps running to see how that affects the monthly electrical charges. Also, legislation at the national and state level may provide grants to help offset some costs, so we will hold off until those programs are in place.

Current Drought Status

Abnormally Dry/Moderate drought in Hopkinton area; no low-pressure complaints.
No action at this time to apply restrictions beyond the DES conservation attachment that was sent last month and will be sent every summer going forward. Water levels are being closely monitored.
Notify state if we decide to apply watering restrictions.

Water Conservation Plan

Delivered before deadline, August 6th.
Receipt confirmed, DES mentioned they may have comments

Cleaning and Maintenance

Cleaning/updating chemical dispenser in process.
Still working with water system operator to get the chemical room organized, cleaned.

Grants

Obtained name of local contractor who has done this type of work before.
Source Protection: Grant work needed. Due Nov 1.

Lot Line Adjustments

Abutter looking to move lot lines without incorporating easements or similar deed restrictions. Water Commissioners to work the Precinct Commissioners to gauge their feedback on this revised proposal.

Addressing wildlife issues.

Discussion about other structures that might be used to reduce the impact of this issue in the future. Added to the list of items to research, Rick will contact GSWRA to see if they have any input.

Easement Issue

New customer at 45 Main St obtained easement doc as part of closing. Precinct Commissioners working with landowner to resolve questions.

Historical Papers

Write up review for distribution.
Schedule meeting with Historical Society to hand over papers.

Audits Ready to Start

Audit sheet and points sheet updated, archived

Other Business

Precinct investigating ordinances regarding water usage and regulation.

Meter reading for August – Sandy; September – Rick; October - Mike
Next meeting: Monday Sept 19, 2022, at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn 7:56 pm by Rick, seconded by Mike. All in favor.

Rick Desmarais

Sandy Bender

Mike O'Connor