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ABINGTON BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

The Abington Board of Water Commissioners held a meeting on November 30, 2009 at 6:20 p.m. at the Abington Town Hall, 500 Gliniewicz Way, Abington, MA. Present were the following Commissioners:

Steven D. Bradbury, Chairman
John E. Warner II, Secretary
Richard D. Muncey

Also:
Daniel F. Callahan, Superintendent
JoAnne Hall, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Warner motioned to accept the November 2, 2009 minutes as printed. Mr. Muncey seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report. Mr. Callahan informed the Board the receipts are down and the budget is being watch cautiously. Mr. Callahan informed the Board the FY10 Budget was approved for two million two hundred thousand dollars (\$2,200,000.00), two hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000.00) more than the FY09 receipts. Mr. Callahan stated he has two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) in his budget for loans that have not come to fruition this fiscal year and will not be spent. He stated he also has one hundred thirty thousand (\$130,000.00) in reserve free cash and he also intends on rescinding the two Bank Street articles at the April Town Meeting. Mr. Callahan stated the tax rate must be set by 12/31/09 and the shortfall from the FY09 receipts and the FY10 appropriation has become an issue. Tony Sulmonte, Town Account has recommended a rate increase to cover the difference. Mr. Callahan indicated the rates would have to be increased from \$3.15 to \$5.56. Mr. Callahan provided the Board with copies of a letter he submitted to Mr. Sulmonte as well as email communication between the two of them regarding this matter. The Board opposed a rate increase. Mr. Warner motioned to accept the Financial Report. Mr. Muncey seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

Mr. Callahan presented the Superintendent's Report. (Copy to follow) Mr. Callahan informed the Board the distribution crew has been busy with hydrant maintenance and the winter meter replacement program is scheduled to begin in January. Mr. Callahan stated a request has been made to pave a driveway on a proposed lot on Colburn Lane. Mr. Callahan explained that he does not feel comfortable allowing the paving due to a twelve inch water main running cross county in a utility easement under a portion of the proposed paved area. The Board asked Mr. Callahan to write a letter opposing the paving. Mr. Bradbury reported a water service tap by a contractor on November 11, 2009. Mr. Muncey concurred with Mr. Bradbury. The Board discussed the matter. Mr. Muncey motioned to investigate the matter and if found to be accurate, the contract will need to uncover the work done so the distribution crew can inspect the service tap and refill the trench with flowable fill at the contractor's expense. Mr. Warner seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted. Mr. Warner motioned to accept the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Muncey seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

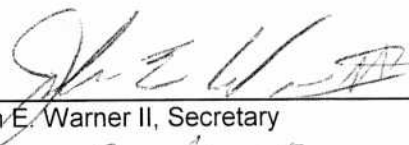
Mr. Muncey asked the status of Mr. Ahern's meter test. Mr. Ahern had appeared before the Board at the last meeting regarding a high bill. Mr. Callahan stated the meter was one hundred percent accurate and there was a faucet leaking and a toilet running when the distribution crew where at the house to check for leaks.

Mr. Warner asked when the water department employees plow for the highway department, who pays their salary. Mr. Callahan replied, the highway department. Mr. Warner asked who pays for repairs necessary to the water department equipment if damaged while plowing. Mr. Callahan stated if the repairs are minor, we pay for the repairs.

The Board agreed to set the next monthly meeting date for the Abington Board of Water Commissioners at the Abington & Rockland Joint Board of Water Commissioners meeting to be held immediately following the Abington Board of Water Commissioners Meeting.

At the Abington & Rockland Joint Board of Water Commissioners Meeting, the Board set the next monthly meeting for December 21, 2009 immediately following the Rockland Board of Water Commissioners Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Abington Town Hall, 500 Gliniewicz Way, Abington, MA.

Mr. Warner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Mr. Muncey seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.



John E. Warner II, Secretary

Date: _____

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ABINGTON DISTRIBUTION REPORT

November 30, 2009

Forty Three main and service markings for Dig Safe.

Assisted Rockland Distribution Crew with service repair on Webster Street.

Hydrant maintenance.

Serviced all equipment.

Replaced 24 meters with new Neptune Fixed Networking Units.

Delivered shut off notices and read meters for billing.

Respectfully submitted,


Daniel F. Callahan, Superintendent