

Attendees

Water and Sewerage Board Members

Christian Carpenter
Bill Harvey
Clair Meehan (virtual)
Dave Pucci

Town

Frank Gervasio – Town
Maurice Goulet – Town
Megan Rogers – Town

Other

Chris McCue Potts - Resident (virtual)
Teresa Prego - Resident (virtual)
Rebecca Paustian - Woodard & Curran (virtual)
Scott Salvucci - Woodard & Curran (virtual)
R. Aigler - Resident (virtual)
Tom Erb - Medfield Permanent Planning and Building Committee

Water & Sewerage Board Meeting

Agenda

1. Approval of outstanding meeting minutes
2. Holdover actions update
3. Filtration project update
4. PFAS regulation update
5. Conservation initiatives and education plan
6. Liaison assignments to other Medfield boards and committees:
 - a. Select Board
 - b. Board of Health
 - c. Planning Board
 - d. Conservation Commission
 - e. Zoning Board
7. Subject matter assignments:
 - a. PFAS Regulations
 - b. Conservation Initiatives
 - c. Water Resource Protection
 - d. Regional Board Association, Regional Relations
 - e. Education and Media Relations

New Action Items during This Meeting

#	Item	Responsible	Due
1.	Gather report from Environment Partners on WTP on raw Well 3A and 4 for raw iron and manganese levels.	M. Goulet	May 2023
2.	Woodard & Currant to produce a memorandum on the dispute and resolution recommendations between Environmental Partners and Biszko on PCO#5	Teresa Prego	June 2023
3.	Board to decide whether to cancel existing VFD contract with Easton for non-performance	Board	June 2023
4.	Post links on Town's website to USEPA and MA DEP on their education page on PFAS in drinking water	M. Rogers	May 2023

Holdover Action Items

#	Item	Responsible	Due
1.	Examine terms of agreement related to reimbursement of use of spare VFDs in water treatment plant commissioning	M. Goulet	Mar 2023
2.	Draft annual report	B. Harvey	Mar 2023
3.	Post approved meeting minutes to the Town website.	M. Rogers	April 2023

The Board Meeting was called to order at 8:04 am.

1. Approval of outstanding meeting minutes

This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

2. Review of Status of Board Holdover Actions List

These items will be discussed at a future meeting.

3. Filtration Project Update

R. Paustian updated the Board on the status of the Well #3 and the new Water Treatment Plant, confirming that both iron and manganese are currently returning at non-detect levels for Well #3 Raw Water. M. Goulet will obtain a detailed report from Environmental Partners reflecting these levels.

B. Harvey and T. Erb had a brief discussion on the VFD deliveries. The W&S Board agreed to decide at its June board meeting on whether to cancel the contract with the non-responsive VFD vendor, Eaton, and direct Environmental Partners to proceed with procurement steps from another VFD vendor.

B. Harvey requests a memorandum from Woodard & Curran, in its OPM capacity, regarding the lingering dispute on PCO#5 between Environmental Partners and Biszko regarding a measurement discrepancy and scope of supply.

R. Aigler asked what is the go-live date for the filtration installation? B. Harvey clarifies that the go-live is anticipated for later next week. D. Pucci and M. Goulet confirm that the project has conducted testing and been approved by MassDEP, and the public should not notice a significant change in their water.

M. Goulet was assigned the action of contacting Environmental Partners for raw water analysis of well 3A and 4 for raw water both wells measuring the iron and manganese before treatment.

M. Rogers was assigned the action to post links to USEPA and MA DEP websites on their PFAS education in drinking water page of their respective websites.

4. PFAS regulation update

B. Harvey provides background information on PFAS, which are a group of man-made compounds that are used regularly in textiles, plastics, clothing, etc. These chemicals do not naturally break down and have shown some negative health effects.

The State has begun a discussion to regulate the levels of six of these chemicals. The state has previously regulated these levels. The U.S. EPA has proposed additional PFAS regulations. B. Harvey anticipates this regulation will come into effect by the end of this year, and communities will have three years to comply with these regulations. B. Harvey anticipates this regulation will influence Wells #1 & #2. Funding for this compliance can either be through a bond, or the State Revolving Fund for the Drinking Water Program.

C. Meehan wants to confirm if any comment to the public is necessary by the Board. B. Harvey confirms the proposed regulation is not actionable currently. M. Goulet adds that the EPA is holding a public hearing 04 May 2023, during a 60 day public comment period.

5. Conservation initiatives and education plan

B. Harvey suggests publishing information on the Town's website and other sources that is both useful to homeowners and conservation initiatives, such as checking flappers and how regulations influence their day-to-day lives.

B. Harvey also notes that there were two Citizen's Petitions this year regarding private well regulations and water conservation, which spurred the Board to create the liaison assignments below.

6. Liaison assignments to other Medfield boards and committees

B. Harvey notes that the expectations are for Board members to liaise with their respective chair, attend a few meetings, and keep an eye on any agendas that may be pertinent to the Board. The liaison will not speak for the Board's position, but can report back on any actionable items and work as a collaborative effort.

C. Meehan is enthusiastic about the education ideas and is able to provide support.

Assignments are as follows:

Select Board

B. Harvey

Board of Health

D. Pucci

Planning Board

C. Carpenter

Conservation Commission

C. Meehan

Zoning Board

C. Carpenter

7. Subject matter assignments

PFAS Regulations

B. Harvey

Conservation Initiatives

C. Meehan

D. Pucci

Water Resource Protection

C. Carpenter

D. Pucci

Regional Board Association, Regional Relations

B. Harvey

Education and Media Relations

C. Meehan

D. Pucci

8. Other New Business

C. McCue Potts highlighted that the Board of Health is discussing hazardous materials at their next meeting.

Next meetings:

03 May 2023 at 2:30 pm

09 June 2023 at 10:00 am

C. Carpenter motioned to adjourn. C. Meehan seconded.

Vote: Aye unanimous

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 9:43am.