

Allan Kent
Chairman



Kevin Rudden
Matthew O'Brien

TOWN OF MENDON WATER COMMISSION

20 Main Street

Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Phone: (508) 473-2547 Fax: (508) 478-8241

Email: watercom@mendonma.gov

DEP Public Water Supply (PWS) ID #217900

mendonma.gov/water

Meeting Date: 7/5/2018

Meeting Location: Water Commission Office, Town Hall, 20 Main St. Mendon

Minutes Approved: 12/6/2018

Members Present: Allan Kent, Kevin Rudden,

Water Clerk: Dan Byer

Others:

Absent: Matt O'Brien

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

The commission discussed the previous minutes. Dan stated there are none to approve at this time.

The commission discussed and signed the bills.

Dan explained an issue with the backflow testing. The previous company went out and did the surveys on the new Car Wash. They were not aware we have changed operators. Dan explained White Water (WW) can now do this work for us. The commission agreed to pay this bill and use WW in the future.

Dan said the inspector noted the new car wash is connected to well. They did not have a backflow preventer installed for the well and Dan reported that to the Board of Health.

The commission discussed the Consumer Confidence report. WW will take care of this, we just need to send them some data.

The commission discussed the hydrant flushing and gate valve maintenance. There is a water ban in effect and Hopedale doesn't have the water for flushing. WW will take care of the project as soon as they get approval from Hopedale.

The commission discussed the hydrant repairs. Dan explained 143 HAE and 23 Cape are fixed. Kevin reviewed the issues with the 30 Cape hydrant.

The commission discussed the meter upgrades. Kevin will ask Henry Papuga if he is still interested. Dan updated the commission on the end of life for the Badger system. He explained Badger has announced the end of life for the meter system we are using. We should stock up on some meters so we have replacements. However, our meters will continue to operate and have an estimated life of around 10 years.

The commission discussed the enterprise fund. We are waiting to hear back from the Town on how to proceed.

The commission discussed the billing issue at 159 HAE. The owners had mentioned to Dan they were planning to attend the meeting to discuss their high water bill. No one came so the Commission tabled this item for future discussion if the owner wanted to attend a future meeting.

Dan updated the commission on the plans for the FY18 1st quarter bills. They are

The commission discussed alternate sources of water. Kevin explained he found out Upton extended their mains all the way to St. Gabriel's on North Ave (Mendon St) and have excess water. However, we would still need to extend the mains 4 miles back to the center of Town.

The commission discussed a possible backup emergency connection. Dan suggested we reach out to Bellingham to see if they would be interested in establishing an emergency connection. Alan discussed the possible locations. Kevin suggests a connection with Bellingham would be better than Hopedale.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.