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# Town of Portland Water and Sewer Commission

August 12, 2024, Regular Meeting

Buck Foreman Community Center – Second Floor

265 Main Street, Portland, CT

**Members Present:** Jim Nursick, Dave Kuzminski, Dick Cote, Jim McCabe, Rick Sharr

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Ryan O’Halpin, Public Works Director; Jim Tripp, BOS Liaison; Ralph Zampano,

1. **Call to Order**

Rick Sharr called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Buck Foreman Community Center.

2. **Review & Approve Minutes of July 8, 2024, Meeting**

Jim Nursick noted one correction; Report from Director - amount from MDC should be: \$69,854, A motion was made by Jim Nursick, seconded by Rick Sharr to approve the corrected minutes of the July 8, 2024, meeting. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

3. **Correspondence and Communication:**

4. **Report from Director**

Ryan O’Halpin stated that 18,5 million gallons were received from MDC (\$96,522) and 6.1 million gallons from the well (24.6 million total). The well was shut down for a total of 12 days in July. The water usage was nearly the same as last year. The town will need to use an average of 15 million/month to meet the MDC contract minimum. The well level started at 7.5 feet, rose to 10 feet, and ended at 8.5 feet.

5. **Old Business**

a. **Development of an Alternate Water Source:** Ryan O’Halpin noted that the resolution to fund Phase 2 (well drilling and permitting) of the water source project received unanimous support from the residents who attended the special town meeting. Ryan is awaiting two forms from GZA: EPA 5700-71 Form and MBE/WBE Subcontractor Form to get approval on the contract amendment for DPH. On July 30<sup>th</sup>, the town received approval on the well site suitability application, which approves the location only as a suitable location, permitting will depend on the water quality and pump test. The next phase will include developing an RFQ and an RFP for engineering and construction on the well house, water treatment and water main connection. A special town meeting will be held on September 4 to get approval for a referendum vote for \$6 million requested for the last phase of the water supply project which may be funded through state DWSRF funding, which may also include the previous phase (well drilling). The question (Yes/No) will be on the upcoming election ballot. The well drilling is expected to commence in October.

b. **Maintenance:**

i. **Water System**

- **Dogwood Drive** will be milled on Thursday. **High Street** will be paved next week.

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ii. **Sewer System: Coe Avenue Pump Station:** Waiting on the contractor to start the Coe Avenue Pump Station.

c. **Meter Updates, Budget Rates:** No updates.

6. **Committee Reports/General Discussion:** Rick Sharr noted that he will not be available for the September 9 meeting.

7. **Public Comment:**

8. **Adjournment**

Dick Cote made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

**Next Meeting: September 9, 2024**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jon D'Arpino*  
Board Clerk