
Town of Portland Water and Sewer Commission

September 9, 2024, Regular Meeting
Buck Foreman Community Center – Second Floor
265 Main Street, Portland, CT

Members Present: Jim Nursick, Dave Kuzminski, Dick Cote, Jim McCabe

Absent: Rick Sharr

Also Present: Ryan O’Halpin, Public Works Director; Ralph Zampano

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Review & Approve Minutes of August 12, 2024, Meeting**

A motion was made by Jim McCabe, seconded by Jim Nursick to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2024, meeting. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

3. **Correspondence and Communication:**

4. **Report from Director**

Ryan O’Halpin stated that 15.5 million gallons were received from MDC (\$79,877) and 4.7 million gallons from the well. The well level was shut down for a total of 12 days in July. The well was run only ten days during the month to hit the minimum usage from MDC. There were 2 million gallons less of overall usage in 2024 compared to the same month in 2023.

5. **Old Business**

a. **Development of an Alternate Water Source:** Ryan O’Halpin stated that GZA is on schedule for mid-October drilling of a production well and monitoring wells. The scoping notice was received from the Department of Public Health and DEEP; no significant impacts were noted. There will be no drilling in the flood plain during the next phase. The NDDDB Report indicates that there will be no impact on species, so no studies will be required.

b. **Maintenance:**

i. **Water System**

- The **Dogwood Drive** old water main has been abandoned and shut off. Water main replacement is planned for the other half of **High Street**, and hopefully more funding for water main and road reconstruction will be available from a future STEAP grant.

ii. **Sewer System: Coe Avenue Pump Station:** No Update. **Sewer Plant Upgrades:** A meeting with Wright Pierce is scheduled for Friday (9/13) to discuss future project costs/options.

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

6. **Committee Reports/General Discussion:**

7. **Public Comment:** Ralph Zampano asked about public information that will be distributed to the public. Ryan O’Halpin said that is being discussed by First Selectman Ryan Curley and town

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attorneys to determine content

8. **Adjournment**

Dave Kuzminski made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Jon D'Arpino
Board Clerk