

Advisory Board of Public Works, September 26, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Item 1 | Call to Order: Chair Chris Tarr called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Present: Chair Chris Tarr, Vice Chair Maria Palomino, DPW Director Joe Conway, DPW Business Manager Ann Waitt and Clerk Anna Amatucci. Absent: Board Member Elena Proakis-Ellis

Item 2 | Approve Minutes from March and May Meetings:

Motion made by Chair Tarr to approve minutes of meeting on 3/7/22. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Palomino. Motion carries 2-0.

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Item 3 | Public Participation:

- a. Wakefield Crossing – Metering for Condos/Apartments

Attendance: Frank Wood from the Wakefield Crossing Condo Association
David Battaglia from Briggs Management (agent for Wakefield Crossing)

Mr. Wood spoke on behalf of the Homeowner's Association (governed by a Board). He is concerned about the high water/sewer charges since Wakefield adopted a tier system. Their operating budget consists of 15% water expense. He presented a spreadsheet to the board showing a savings of 14% if the average water/sewer usage was based on residential usage.

Mr. Battaglia asked what kind of timeframe is expected to hear an answer, due to the budget constraint time line for the Association. Mr. Conway said it's possible to have an answer in 3-4 weeks, and no longer than a month. Since Ms. Proakis is not present at this meeting, Mr. Tarr asked Mr. Wood to give the Board some time to review the information.

Mr. Conway will provide all the Board members with a consumption history report of the property, and any other pertinent information, to assist in the decision-making process.

Item 4 | Outdoor Second Meters: Mr. Conway stated the moratorium for outdoor water use is up for review. This meeting is a precursor of detailed information we'll be sending along to the board members. A survey was taken to see how many MWRA communities allow for outdoor watering and looked over some potential increases in capitol and operational costs. Based on the many different factors affecting this decision, there are a few scenarios that could take place.

Mr. Tarr expressed that this will take time to go through the data to reach a decision. Mr. Tarr asked how many responses we received from resident surveys, to which Ms. Waitt said we received about six hundred responses. Ms. Palomino asked what is the timeline to make a recommendation on the moratorium. Mr. Conway expressed that he would like a Board decision before he has to go to the Council in November or early December.

Item 5 | New Business: Due to the MassDEP ban on mattresses, Mr. Conway and Ms. Waitt are working to find vendors for recycling mattresses. DPW will be participating at Town Day for the Touch-a-Truck event.

Item 6 | Next Meeting: Dates to consider are October 24th or 25th.

Item 7 | Adjournment: Mr. Tarr made a motion to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. All approved. Motion carries 2-0.

