

Duxbury Water & Sewer Advisory Board

Meeting minutes approved by W&SAB members at the January 8, 2024 meeting

Meeting Minutes for November 27, 2023 Meeting

Attendees:

Location: Duxbury Senior Center, Weyerhaeuser Rm

W&SAB Members

Town Staff

Tanya Trevisan

Mark Cloud, Water Superintendent

Paul Keohan

Bo Boynton

Guests

Melissa Rosenblatt, BOH Liaison

The WASAB meeting was held after the PFAS Working Group meeting concluded. The meeting was called to order around 7:30 pm.

Voting at August 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes and PFAS Working Group Notes

The meeting began with members of the WASAB unanimously ratifying the voting from the August 21, 2023 meeting and the PFAS Working Group Notes.

Updates from the Water Department

- a. Setting new water and sewer rates - Mark Cloud reported that Mary MacKinnon is focussing on drafting a budget for the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) next Spring. Once that is completed, she will look into a rate study for updating the water rates. On a related issue, Mark is interested in having water bills sent out on a quarterly basis rather than the current practice of twice per year. He also said that Scituate raises its rates each year. Discussion followed about whether the Select Board in its Water Commissioners role would be willing to support annual rate increases.
- b. Water rate study - In the past, the Finance Department was responsible for managing water rate studies. As reported previously, this will be looked after the Finance Department has prepared its budget for the ATM.

- c. Staffing update - Mark C. has been able to fill some of the vacant positions on the water treatment side but has been unable to find someone to operate the sewer treatment process. Until then, Weston and Sampson will provide the Town with these services.
- d. Additional emergency generators - It appears that these could be included when the recommended improvements at individual pumping stations are undertaken.
- e. Status of the 2nd round of ARPA funds for Depot St well - No information was available.
- f. Website updates on PFAS removal - Not discussed.

Next meeting - January 8, 2024

The meeting was adjourned around 8:00 PM