

Southington Water Department
MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners, Infrastructure Committee was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Department Offices, 605 West Queen Street, Southington, CT.

PRESENT: Commissioner Berkmoes, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Pocock, Superintendent Casarella and Engineering Technician Albert Fiorillo were present.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Berkmoes at **5:39 p.m.**
- 2. Well 2 Project:** Superintendent Casarella stated the Well 2 project is starting to proceed after a slight delay. A weekly schedule of work from 3/11 – 5/6/19 was received. An onsite meeting is scheduled for this Friday the 29th. Woodard and Curran are coordinating with D'Amato and SWD on logistics and sequencing to return Well 2 into operation while the building for Well 2 is constructed. DWSRF funding process is complete.
- 3. Mill Street Tank Project:** Superintendent Casarella told the Committee there was a pre-construction meeting on Friday the 22nd. Were currently waiting on a start date form Preload. It was conveyed that the project is time sensitive and the project needs to start soon. Once the start date is received the Department will begin notifying customers that may be affected by the construction.
Superintendent Casarella stated that all DWSRF funding paperwork is in to DPH. Should see the project funding awarded in 3-4 weeks.
- 4. West Main/South Main St. Water Main Project:** Superintendent Casarella stated that bids are out, bid opening is scheduled for April 5, 2019. The first week in May is projected as the start date for the project. There's been constant outreach between customers and SWD concerning the project and service renewals. Once awarded and a start date is received the department will notify customers again. Casarella said he would contact local newspapers among others sources to notify the public of the project and warning of traffic delays.

5. Future Capital Projects:

Iron and Manganese Plants

Casarella told the committee that he plans to put in this year's budget money for consulting services for design of Iron/Manganese plants for Wells 2, 7 and 8. Commissioner Berkmoes asked to look into the longevity of the treatment plants. Casarella stated he will apply for DWSRF funding for these plants.

Reservoir 2 Dam Inspection

Superintendent Casarella stated he received a letter from DEEP concerning Reservoir 2 Dam Inspection conducted in 2016. DEEP was concerned on some recommendation from the report and wanted SWD to follow up on their concerns. Casarella stated we put in this year's budget money for design consultations to cover the cost of what DEEP is requesting. Tata and Howard, the consulting firm who did the inspection in 2016 has been contacted.

Shuttle Meadow Road

Casarella stated that we should install water main on Shuttle Meadow Rd from Thunderbird easement to our main on Dunham Place that would complete the loop for the East Side Pressure Zone. The water main design work has already been completed.

Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) on Lanings St.

Superintendent Casarella stated we need to install a PRV on Lanings St. near the intersection of Flanders Rd. The PRV would allow us to capture the remaining customer off Lanings that are currently still being fed off the West Queen Tanks.

Insertion Valve for Merrell St.

Superintendent Casarella stated that during a recent leak, staff found some old valves dating back to 1913 to be inoperable on Merrell St. Due to the large number of customers that would have to be shut down to do repairs, the best option is to install an insertion valve.

By installing the insertion valve water doesn't need to be shut down. The committee agreed it our best option to install this type of valve.

Lead Goosenecks on Services

Superintendent Casarella said there's still services in Town that have lead goosenecks connected to them. Casarella told the committee that he will come back to them with a plan on how to proceed and remove them. He noted that there could be funding form DPH for their removal.

6. Succession Planning:

Casarella said there's a need to hire seasonal help for the summer for us to continue our flushing and hydrant maintenance programs.

New Engineering Technician start date is April 22, 2019.

Commissioner Berkmoes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy at **7:31 p.m.**



Attest: William M. Casarella, Superintendent