

# Water & Wastewater Subcommittee Meeting

8/12/2021  
7:00 PM to 8:20 PM  
Remote via Zoom

## *Meeting Minutes*

Attendees: J. Engel, S. Player, K. Mackin, M. Dougherty, B. Kubaska, B. Craft  
J. Bourque, V. Halmen, E. Sadoway, J. Parkhurst

J. Engel calls meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

## **Agenda**

### **Subcommittee Reorganization**

**All**

**5**

Discussion: M. Dougherty moved to nominate J. Engel to serve as Chair of the Water and Wastewater Subcommittee for a one-year term. S. Player seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

<b>Citizen Queries</b>		<b>Chair</b>	<b>5</b>
Discussion: M. Dougherty introduced Joe Bourque who is a member of the Finance Committee. Mr. Bourque is interested in joining the committee and will be sitting in on meetings for a period of time until he takes M. Dougherty's place as the Finance Committee representative on the subcommittee in the future.			
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:	

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>		<b>Chair</b>	<b>5</b>
Discussion: M. Dougherty moved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2021 Water & Wastewater Subcommittee meeting. B. Craft seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous in support.			
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:	

<b>PFAS Discussion</b>		<b>V. Halmen</b>	<b>30</b>
Discussion: V. Halmen reviewed PFAS testing requirements, results and actions taken by the Water Department. Messaging was sent to customers in June and July. Detailed information is also available on the Water Dept. website. Immediate steps were taken to cease operation of Browns Well once PFAS results reached concerning levels. At no time were levels above the maximum contaminant level set by MassDEP. No PFAS violation has occurred. Engineering is underway to pump water from Browns Well to the Water Treatment Plant for full treatment, which would restore the well to full operational capacity.			
B. Craft commented that messaging must be clear and deliberate to assure customers that we are taking appropriate steps as quickly as possible to keep customers protected.			
J. Engel noted that PFAS is not unique to Ipswich.			
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:	

<b>Project Updates</b>	<b>Halmen, Sadoway, Parkhurst</b>	<b>30</b>
<p>Discussion: V. Halmen provided updates on the drought status and several projects including the evaluation of the Water Treatment Plant and Browns Well; Dow Dam low level drain; Town Hill water tank; Town Wharf Pump Station relocation/replacement; UFS cost of service study; Automatic Metering Infrastructure replacement and the ReSource Ipswich program now offering water rebates and instant savings measures with energy audits.</p>		
<p>E. Sadoway provided an update on the sewer siphon/interceptor project which is in its final stages.</p>		
<p>J. Parkhurst updated the subcommittee on the aeration project. Full design of aeration upgrades is underway. The department and design engineer Tighe &amp; Bond are reviewing proposals from various blower manufacturers to determine the best equipment/vendor to meet project goals.</p>		
<p>Conclusions:</p>		
<p>Action items:</p>		
	Person responsible:	Deadline:

<b>Other Business</b>	<b>V. Halmen</b>	<b>5</b>
<p>Discussion: M. Dougherty inquired about the manganese testing that had been completed following a request by Jamie Fay. V. Halmen stated that the testing was complete and results were favorable. The testing data will be compiled into a report to be shared publicly.</p>		
<p>Conclusions:</p>		
<p>Action items:</p>		
	Person responsible:	Deadline:

<b>Additional Information</b>
<p>Next meeting September 13, 2021 at 7pm.</p> <p>K. Mackin moved to adjourn the meeting. M. Dougherty seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.</p>