

Regular Session Minutes—Select Board Meeting
Hybrid Participation Meeting
July 11, 2022

PRESENT: Assistant Town Manager Amy Fidalgo; Special Assistant to the Town Manager Charlie Ticotsky; Chair Emily Mitchell, Clerk Bopha Malone, Edward Pierce, Margot Fleischman, via remote participation.

ALSO PRESENT: Steve Steele, Finance Committee; Steve Carluccio, Finance Committee; Mike Rosenberg, *The Bedford Citizen*; Rick Rosen, Dan Carroll, Robin Steele, Community Preservation Committee; Susan Schwartz, Cultural Council; Michelle Karas, Treasurer & Collector; Dave Castellarin, Finance Director; David Manugian, DPW Director.

Ms. Mitchell opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The Select Board members were asked to announce that they were present: Ms. Mitchell present; Ms. Fleischman present; Ms. Malone present; Mr. Pierce present.

22-140 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

22-141 Department of Public Works
Sewer Vacuum Truck—Contract

Ms. Fidalgo gave a high-level overview of the request for a new Sewer Vacuum Truck. The Town's current 2007 Sterling sewer vacuum truck has experienced a significant increase in down time over the last two years due to mechanical issues with both the truck and vacuum system. The truck is currently off the road as it needs extensive repairs and it is not in the best interest of the Town to invest any additional money for repairs to this failing piece of equipment. The Town currently has secured a rental vacuum truck on a month to month basis until the new truck arrives.

The total appropriated funds are \$499,550.00 and funding for this purchase exists in the FY2023 Large Vehicle and Equipment Replacement (*Bond Authorization*), Art. 7-30/23.

Mr. Pierce moved to approve the purchase of one (1) Sewer Vacuum Truck to Taylor and Lloyd, Inc., 8 Railroad Avenue, Bedford, MA at the quoted price of \$494,744.00 with an anticipated delivery after June 1, 2023. Ms. Malone seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Materials: Motion to Approve Select Board Mtg. 7-11-22 Vac Truck

22-142 FY23 Water and Sewer Rates

Ms. Fidalgo gave an overview of the FY23 proposed water and sewer rates. She stated that based on the current analysis of the water/sewer rates, a 10.8% increase in the water rates and a 4.7% increase in the sewer rates is recommended. This change will result in a combined 7.2% increase from FY2022 on the average water/sewer bill of 6,000 cubic feet per year. The Town is recommending an increase of \$2.00 to the irrigation rate, resulting in an irrigation rate of \$13.30 per 100 cubic feet; the rate is currently \$11.30 per 100 cubic feet. The Town is also recommending an increase to the fixed base costs for water and sewer, as these fixed costs have not been adjusted since 2000. The 10.8% increase in the water rate is due to a combination of the increase in the Town’s water purchase rate from MWRA, and increase to debt associated with ongoing water projects. The increase in the sewer rate by 4.7% is primarily due to a nominal increase in the sewer assessment from MWRA and a significant increase in debt payments for FY2023.

Ms. Malone moved that the Select Board vote to approve the FY2023 water and sewer rates as follows:

Residential and Small Business (Cycles 51 – 56)

Semi-Annual Billing

Water – 1 st Meter	Base	\$48.00/yr. or \$24.00/billing cycle (6 months)
	R1	\$1.80/100 cubic feet up to 2,000 cubic feet
	R2	\$10.90/100 cubic feet over 2,000 cubic feet
Water - 2 nd Meter (Irrigation Rate)	Base	\$48.00/yr. or \$24.00/billing cycle (6 months)
	R3	\$13.30/100 cubic feet for any amount used
Sewer	Base	\$60.00/yr. or \$30.00/billing cycle (6 months)
	R1	\$3.20/100 cubic feet up to 2,000 cubic feet
	R2	\$14.00/100 cubic feet over 2,000 cubic feet

Commercial Industrial (Cycle 57) and Veteran Administration (Cycle 58 – Sewer Only)

Monthly Billing

Water – 1 st Meter	Base	\$48.00/yr. or \$4.00/billing cycle (monthly)
	R1	\$1.80/100 cubic feet up to 333.33 cubic feet per billing cycle
	R2	\$10.90/100 cubic feet over 333.33 cubic feet per billing cycle
Water - 2 nd Meter (Irrigation Rate)	Base	\$48.00/yr. or \$4.00/billing cycle (monthly)
	R3	\$13.30/100 cubic feet for any amount used
Sewer	Base	\$60.00/yr. or \$5.00/billing cycle (monthly)
	R1	\$3.20/100 cubic feet up to 333.33 cubic feet per billing cycle
	R2	\$14.00/100 cubic feet over 333.33 cubic feet per billing cycle

Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Materials: FY23 – Water Sewer Rates – Memo to Select Board

22-143 Consent Agenda

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One Day Liquor License – Tapped Beer Truck – July 14, July 21

Ms. Malone moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Materials: 06272022 Select Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT., Tapped Beer Truck July 14, 28 Crosby Dr. Tapped Beer Truck July 21, 20 Crosby Dr. AP GL Distribution School ck date 06.30.22 DC Signed, AP GL Distribution Town ck date 06.30.22 DC Signed, AP GL Distribution Town ck date 07.07.22 DC Signed

22-144 Open Discussion and Liaison Reports

Mr. Pierce reported that he attended the Planning Board meeting. They continued their

discussions regarding potential zoning bylaw changes to allow more two-family dwellings.

Ms. Fleischman reported that some of the bus stops in Town have been unexpectedly removed from the route 62 bus line. She will continue to monitor the situation with the MBTA. She has also been working with the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to get training for the ZBA committee members. She also reported that developer Brian Devellis will be presenting to the Energy and Sustainability Committee about the proposed Carlisle Road project.

Ms. Malone reported that she attended the Recreation Committee meeting. Summer Adventures started a week ago. Springs Brook Park continues to have staffing issues. Adult programs are consistent with past years. Kids' Club is at 80% attendance from pre-pandemic levels.

Ms. Mitchell reported that the Capital Expenditure Committee (CAPEX) met to reorganize and to review the schedule for the upcoming year. John Carbone will be leading that effort. The Hanscom Area Towns Committee (HATS) met to reorganize. She also attended the Citizen of the Year reception. Ms. Mitchell reported that the Massachusetts House passed an amendment requiring all board and committee meetings to take place in a hybrid format as of April 1. This amendment differs from the extension of remote meeting allowances passed by the Senate, and does not provide any funding to support hybrid technology or staffing. The House and Senate have until July 15 to reconcile their bills.

Ms. Fidalgo confirmed that she, along with Charlie Ticotsky and David Manugian, will also be following up with the MBTA regarding the bus stop removal. She also reported that Police Dispatchers will soon be moving back into the Police Station lobby.

Ms. Malone moved to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of conducting strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, and not to return to Open Session. Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved as Record Copy

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Blanchette