



Water/Wastewater Commission

Meeting AGENDA

Wednesday – February 12th, 2020

5:00 p.m.

**J. A. Provencial Building
1200 Rindge Rd.
Fitchburg, MA 01420**

1. Review minutes from January 8th, 2020 Commission Meeting.
2. **Public Forum:** None
3. **Water Division**
 - Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant - update
 - Meter Upgrade Project
 - MA DEP ACO and Sanitary Survey Items
 - Hydro-turbine Project at the Narrows Rd. PRV Station – Transfer funds from retained earnings
 - FY2021 Draft Budget
4. **Wastewater Division**
 - **Fitchburg/Westminster Wastewater Inter-municipal Agreement:**
 - Current IMA was entered into agreement on March 13, 1995.
 - Current IMA term is a period of 25 years, ending March 13, 2020.
 - City is working on evaluations of system (sewer system, “Capacity Assessment”) and future sewer needs projection (“Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan”, or CWMP), as prerequisite to negotiating a long-term amendment to the Inter-municipal Agreement.
 - On Jan. 9, 2020, an order (Order No. 005-20) was presented to City Council, to authorize a short-term amendment to the Inter-municipal Agreement, extending the term by 2-years (ending March 13, 2022) to allow for the completion of the CWMP.

- On Jan. 9, 2020, Council referred the order to:
 - City Council’s City Property Committee; and
 - Wastewater Division.
- **Feb. 12, 2020:**
 - Wastewater requests that W/WW Commission vote approval and recommendation to City Council and Council City Property Committee, recommending to authorize the City to amend the Fitchburg/Westminster IMA to extend the IMA end date to **March 13, 2022.**

- **Wastewater FY-21 Annual Budget, Highlights Presentation.**

- **Construction Projects (Updates):**
 - SSU Project
 - ❖ Completion: 100% to “Substantial Completion”, & 97% to “Final Completion”; and Price: 99.2% of Contract Price (thru end of January 2020).
 - ❖ Work completed over previous two months included: (See Attachment).
 - ❖ Planned work over next month includes: (See Attachment).
- **Next Combined Sewer Separation Project (“CSO 039, 048 and Clarendon Street Project”)** (Weston & Sampson): Update.
- **SSES, Phase 4 – Interceptor Sewer Evaluation** (Weston & Sampson): Update.
- **Combination Manhole Separation Project** (Weston & Sampson): Update.
- **Siphon Cleaning Design & Bid, and Inspection Services Project** (Weston & Sampson): Update.

- **Miscellaneous Updates:**
 - Gave two (2) presentations at the NEWEA Annual Conference, in Boston, featuring the East Plant.
 - ❖ First presentation was a “Virtual Tour” of the East Plant, and was co-presented with DPW Civil Engineer, Nick Erickson.
 - ❖ Second presentation was on the “Multi-Phase Improvements to Address Peak Wet-Weather Flows and Nutrient Limits” at the East Plant, and was co-presented with Wright-Pierce’s Jeff Pinnette.

 - Volunteered time with Boys & Girls Club of Fitchburg and Leominster, during their 2019-2020 “*Future City Competition*” (6th – 8th grade age students). The competition year’s challenge was: “Clean Water: Tap into Tomorrow”....asking

participants to identify a threat to their future city's water supply, and design a resilient system to ensure a reliable supply of clean drinking water. The Club team won 3 awards at the competition:

- ❖ Brilliant Use of Natural Resources;
- ❖ Citizen Engagement Award; and
- ❖ Best Model.

5. Other Business

- The Water/Wastewater Commission will next meet at 5:00 pm on Wednesday **March 11, 2020** at the J.A. Provencial Building, 1200 Rindge Rd. Fitchburg, MA 01420.
- Adjourn