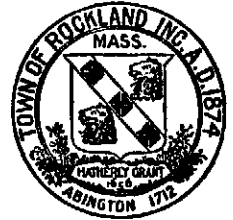




# ABINGTON & ROCKLAND JOINT WATER WORKS

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### ABINGTON & ROCKLAND JOINT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

The Abington & Rockland Joint Board of Water Commissioners held a meeting on November 25 2008 at 6:47 p.m. at the Abington Town Hall, 500 Gliniewicz Way, Abington, MA. Present were the following Commissioners:

Richard D. Muncey, Co-Chairman  
Robert Corvi Sr., Co-Chairman  
Ray Campanile, Secretary  
John E. Warner II  
William T. Low

Also:  
Daniel F. Callahan, Superintendent  
JoAnne Hall, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Warner motioned to accept the minutes from the October 20, 2008 meeting. Mr. Corvi seconded the motion. The Board discussed voting on the minutes due to Mr. Muncey and Mr. Campanile not being present at the October 20, 2008 meeting and Mr. Bradbury not being at this meeting.

Mr. Warner rescinded his motion to accept the October 20, 2008 meeting minutes. Mr. Low seconded the motion to rescind. The Board had further discussion on the ability of voting on the minutes. It was decided that with three out of the four Commissioners in attendance at this meeting from the October 20, 2008 meeting, those Commissioners could vote to accept the minutes, if they chose to do so.

Therefore, Mr. Warner motioned to accept the minutes from the October 20, 2008 meeting. Mr. Corvi seconded the motion and it was voted three in favor, Mr. Corvi, Mr. Warner and Mr. Low. Mr. Muncey and Mr. Campanile abstained from the vote due to not being present at the meeting.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report. Mr. Campanile motioned to accept the Financial Report. Mr. Corvi seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

Mr. Callahan presented the Superintendent's Report. (Copy to follow) Mr. Callahan informed the Board he had met with the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the design of the sludge lagoons, P.A. Landers gave us the okay to leave the gravel at the Hingham Street Reservoir, the Army Corp of Engineers may tell us to remove it, some of the tillings were utilized by the Rockland Sewer Department for road repairs and one hundred meters for the new system have been received. Mr. Campanile suggested letting the public know about the leak detection with the new meters. Mr. Callahan informed the Board he had spoken to D.J. Sullivan and Mr. Sullivan informed him the legislators would not be voting to approve the town meeting until after January 1, 2009. Mr. Callahan stated he has not been able to confirm the information provided by Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Callahan stated Bond counsel has asked for three things, the first being a copy of our vote to share the building at fifty/fifty, the second being a letter from the Rockland Town Administrator as to why the town meeting vote was in the Special Town Meeting and third being the vote approving special legislation. Mr. Campanile motioned to accept the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Corvi seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

The Board discussed the establishment of a building committee. Mr. Warner stated he wants to be on the committee. Mr. Campanile asked if a building committee is needed, as decisions on the building can be made by the Board at meetings. Mr. Warner stated he feels a committee is necessary as he would like to fast track the renovations on the building and he will volunteer to Chair the committee. Mr. Muncey stated he is in favor of a building committee and to give them some authority but not total authority to make all the decisions. Mr. Warner stated all final decisions would be made by the full Board. Mr. Campanile stated his objections to forming a committee. Mr. Muncey suggested one Commissioner from Abington, one Commissioner from Rockland, Dan Callahan, JoAnne Hall, one member from the Abington Distribution Crew, one member from the Rockland Distribution Crew and one member from treatment. Mr. Warner motioned a minimum of one from each discipline as outlined by Mr. Muncey and all expenditures to be approved by the Board of Water Commissioners. Mr. Muncey suggested the distribution positions on the committee be offered first to the Foreman and if they are not interested, then their designee. Mr. Campanile stated he would prefer building groups rather than a committee, with suggestions by all employee's welcome. Mr. Campanile stated the objective of the groups would be for ideas and fact finding, with no excessive powers. Mr. Muncey suggested Mr. Warner be the Chairman and Mr. Callahan the Vice Chairman. Mr. Campanile stated he feels the term committee is too official. Mr. Warner withdrew his motion. The Board agreed to continue the discussion of the building committee at the next meeting. Mr. Campanile suggested a title of building discussion group. The Board agreed to the title as suggested by Mr. Campanile. Mr. Warner motioned to form a seven member or designee group. Mr. Campanile seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted. Mr. Campanile motioned for Mr. Warner to be the director of the building discussion group. Mr. Corvi seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted. The Board agreed to put building discussion group update on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Corvi stated he would like to volunteer to be in the building discussion group. Mr. Warner motioned for Mr. Corvi to be the assistant director of the group. Mr. Low seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.


Mr. Warner stated he would like to see the water usage in gallons rather than cubic feet on the water bill. He stated he would also like to see water conservation information given to the customers.

Mr. Muncey stated he had received a Public Information Act Request from Attorney Donahue. Mr. Muncey updated the Board on the procedures he had taken after receiving the request and notified the Board he would keep them informed.

The Board discussed giving the employees the day off after Thanksgiving. Mr. Corvi stated at the Rockland Board of Water Commissioners meeting that he thinks the water department should have the Friday off after Thanksgiving. Mr. Campanile stated the employees can take the day off by utilizing a vacation or personal day. Mr. Warner stated he is not in favor of giving the day off to employees. The Board agreed the employees can choose to take the day off after Thanksgiving by utilizing a vacation or personal day.

The next scheduled meeting is December 8, 2008 immediately following the Rockland Board of Water Commissioners Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Abington Town Hall, 500 Gliniewicz Way, Abington, MA.

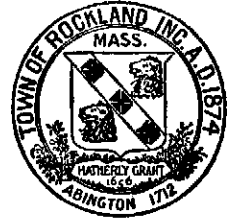
Mr. Corvi motioned to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Mr. Low seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted

  
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Ray Campanile, Secretary  
Date: 12/9/08



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### ABINGTON-ROCKLAND JOINT WATER WORKS SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

November 25, 2008

Rockland Highway Department moved gravel from back of Hingham Street Reservoir and graded area between sludge lagoons.

Cleaned the sedimentation basins at the Great Sandy Bottom Water Treatment Plant on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Met with D.E.P. to review layout of sludge lagoons for newly designed sludge handling facilities.

Began installation of new program for the meter fixed network system on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Removed and cleaned all the piping for the lime system at Great Sandy Bottom.

Superintendent's schedules attached.

| <b>PUMPING STATUS:</b> | <b>October</b> | <b>YTD</b>  |                    |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|
|                        | 87,563,970     | 860,831,870 | <b><u>2007</u></b> |
|                        | 84,118,469     | 908,861,681 | <b><u>2008</u></b> |

Respectfully submitted,

  
Daniel F. Callahan, Superintendent