



FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

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## **Water/Wastewater Commission**

### **Meeting AGENDA**

**Wednesday – July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Legislative Building, City Hall Campus  
700 Main St.  
Fitchburg, MA 01420**

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Please note that the Legislative Building will be open to the public for this meeting. For any member of the public that might not be ready to return to a public setting, they are invited to participate in the meeting via the Zoom webinar of June 14, 2021 at 5 PM Eastern Time .

### **Topic: Water/Wastewater Commission Meeting**

Register in advance for the Public Comment/Hearing portion of the Agenda by going to:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_APqSjIRKQkOnscA6XO\\_Dfg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_APqSjIRKQkOnscA6XO_Dfg)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about logging in to join the webinar.

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1. Review minutes from May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Commission Meeting.
2. Public Forum: None
3. **Water Division**
  - SCADA Project - update
  - Rate Study - update
  - Meter Project – update
  - Falulah Transmission Main Project – update
  - Distribution System GIS – update
  - Tanks Repair Project – update
  - Leak Detection Project – update
  - Regulatory Filings – update
  - ARPA funding opportunities & proposed downtown project

#### 4. Wastewater Division

- **Status Update Items:**

- Sewer Ordinance, (City Code Chapter 147):
  - Both the Town of Westminster and the Town of Lunenburg are working on incorporation of Fitchburg's Ordinance updates into their own Town Bylaws.
  - Wastewater provided Westminster with review feedback on the Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> received DR AFT Town Bylaw Update (Chapter 161 – Sewers). Westminster's Town Meeting was on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
    - Westminster voted to amend Bylaw Chapter 161, Sewers, to mirror the updated changes of Fitchburg City Code, Chapter 147, Sewers.
  - For Lunenburg, in the month of June 2021, we received (*and review is ongoing*) the Lunenburg Sewer Commission's DRAFT Town Sewer Regulations Update.

- **Council Petition No. 134-21:**

- Councilors Paul Beauchemin and Samantha Squailia, to petition the City to conduct a study to investigate the possibility of transporting sludge, in-house, by the Wastewater Department, instead of outsourcing this task.
- Sludge & Grit Hauling Service Contract Prices:
  - 2016/2017: \$126,270 (Charles George)
  - 2017/2018: \$129,820 (Charles George)
  - 2018/2019: \$133,370 (Charles George)
  - 2019/2020: \$133,367 (W.L. French)
  - 2020/2021: \$301,150 (W.L. French)
  - 2021/2022: \$311,300 (W.L. French)
  - 2022/2023: \$321,450 (W.L. French)

- **Construction Projects (Update):**

- CSS Project: "*CSO 007, 011, 039, 048 Separation/Rehabilitation Project*". Contractor, J.A. Polito & Sons, Inc.; and Engineer, Weston & Sampson Engineers.
  - Early July marked the beginning of a challenging and publicly disruptive portion of the project....Water Street work, between First Street & Walnut Street.....a length of just over 300 feet. (See "*Drawing C103*")
  - We decided to close Water Street to vehicular thru traffic, and detour around the closure. (See 2-pg. "*Construction Notification*")

- **“On-Call Construction Contract” Work (Contractor: Blue Diamond Equipment):** Highview Street Sewer Replacement/Rehabilitation Project” - BDE’s cured-in-place-pipe installation subcontractor (Insituform Technologies, Inc.) completed the trenchless rehabilitation work in mid-May; the Project is “substantially complete” and BDE is working on punchlist items.
- **Miscellaneous:**
  1. Wastewater Staffing (Plant & Sewer System Crew).
    - a. MAWEA/NEIWPCC Joint Webinar, (6/22): ***“Workforce Webinar: Where Will Our New Operators Come From? .... Innovative Approaches”***
    - b. Fitchburg Wastewater Support of NEIWPCC’s ***“Women in Apprenticeships and Non-Traditional Occupations”*** Grant Proposal Application: to provide internship opportunities to women who complete the ***“NEIWPCC Online Women’s Water Workforce”*** wastewater training.
    - c. New Senior Operator was hired at the Plant, and started in June;
    - d. The Sewer Collection Crew, Wastewater hired a General Foreman (previously unfilled) and Working Foreman, and a Sewer Collection Operator and a replacement “Flex” Sewer/Stormwater Operator. The 6-person crew is staffed at 5 crewmen. Wastewater will seek to staff the 6<sup>th</sup> crew spot in late Summer/early Fall.
    - e. New collaboration partner, “X-Cel Conservation Corps”. A Spring-time graduate of the Boston-based “X-Cel Conservation Corps” may join Wastewater as a “Wastewater Operations Intern”. Program participants take the Massachusetts Grade-3 Wastewater Operator licensure examination.
  2. 2021 Rain Barrels Program (a form of “Green Infrastructure”).
    - a. In the Program’s 4<sup>th</sup> Year, we sold 155 rain barrels. To date, the total number of rain barrels sold are 500.

## 5. Other Business

- The Water/Wastewater Commission will next meet at 5:00 pm on Wednesday **September 8, 2021** at the Legislative Building, City Hall Campus 700 Main St. Fitchburg Ma.
- Adjourn