

# Water Subcommittee Meeting

1/14/2016  
7:00 PM to 7:55 PM  
Utilities Department Conference Room

Attendees: Bill Craft, Ed Rauscher, Jim Engel, David Standley  
Vicki Halmen, Karen Repucci

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## Additional Information

Observers:

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## Water Service Agreement to Essex Business

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Discussion: In 2013 the Water Commissioners voted to authorize 234 John Wise Ave, Essex to be served by the Ipswich Water Department. The authorization was conditioned (agreement attached) and required a reevaluation of the agreement in the event of a change in ownership of use. The property is selling and the new buyer intends to comply with all the terms of the existing agreement, see attached letter.

The service agreement and consumption were discussed. It was decided to strike the words "monthly average" from the consumption condition. J. Engel noted that this decision is maintaining an existing agreement, previously approved.

Conclusions: D. Standley moved to continue the agreement with the new owner, B. Craft seconded. Vote was unanimous to recommend approval.

Action items: Prepare new agreement for signatures; present to Selectmen

Person responsible:

Deadline:

V. Halmen

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**Water Department Budget & Capital Discussion**

**Vicki/Karen**

**30**

Discussion: V. Halmen reviewed updates to budget since last meeting. Installation of a second SolarBee mixing unit using bond funds was discussed, as well as the proposed master plan.

Conclusions: D. Standley moved to recommend approval of the budget as presented. B. Craft seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Action items: Present the budget to Selectmen

Person responsible:  
V. Halmen & Karen  
Repucci

Deadline:  
2/1/16

**Updates**

**Vicki**

**5**

Discussion: An incident report on the hydrant flushing issues on Hood Farm from 2015 was requested by E. Rauscher. Report attached.

V. Halmen explained the recent activity related to Browns Well and Manganese. She had requested DEP evaluate a threat to the water supply due to beaver presence, citing an October report from AECOM. D. Standley voiced concern that the report was never shared or discussed with the subcommittee or Conservation Commission. He would like a comprehensive approach developed. V. Halmen will send the report to the subcommittee. Beaver trapping is currently underway. Breaching of beaver dams will be evaluated. Conservation Commission permission will likely be required.

V. Halmen mentioned a letter from Rowley Water Dept. requesting Ipswich protect the Zone II of their public wells. She stated that Ipswich has protected these areas since the by-law was established. She will formally respond to Rowley.

Conclusions:

Action items: Send AECOM report to subcommittee  
Respond to Rowley Water Department

Person responsible:  
V. Halmen

Deadline:  
As soon as possible

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B. Craft moved to adjourn, E. Rauscher seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM