

Board of Water Commissioners

2020 Annual Report

The Board elected Ken Grew as Chairman of the Board. Appointed were Wendy Graves as Treasurer and Mary Bassett as District Counsel.

During the past year the Commissioners worked on many projects as well as the general management over the operations of the District.

1. The Board directed the Manager and staff to take all precautions relative to the outbreak of the Corona Virus. The District operated under limited hours or by remote off and on during the year depending upon the level of risk that was associated with the virus. The Board only met in person as needed such as the Annual meeting and limited Commissioners meetings. All other meetings were cancelled.
2. The Board acquired the services of Scanlon & Associates to perform a financial audit of the District finances and procedures. This audit is completed annually consistent with sound financial practice and in conformance with State and Federal reporting requirements.
3. The Board authorized the Manager to move forward with the replacement of the Worcester Street building. The project involves construction of a new building and demolition of the old building. New utilities will be provided to the site as well as a new submersible well pump. Project costs \$2,500,000
4. The Board has funded an additional \$50,000 into the "Other Post Employee Benefits" trust fund. The OPEB Trust committee continues to manage the "Trust Fund" and has realized a positive return on the investment.
5. The Board directed the Manager to facilitate the replacement of the watermain from the American Legion on Worcester street to Snow Road. This watermain has plagued the District with numerous watermain breaks. Businesses and residents continued to have poor water quality and service interruptions due to the frequent breaks. This project was completed in a timely manner during 2020. There will be limited final paving on Worcester street during 2021. As a result of this capital expense the Commissioners voted an increase in the service charge by \$25.00 a quarter for two years.
6. The Board worked with the Manager and Treasurer to produce a budget that was approved by the voters at the Annual Meeting in April.
7. The Board wishes to thank the staff of the Water District for operating the water system and maintaining it in great condition and continuing to provide safe dependable water to our customers.

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Ken Grew, Chairman
Robert Frederico, Commissioner
Michael Corda, Commissioner