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## Water Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2012

In attendance: Chairman Frank E. French Jr., Clerk William Shea, Member Joseph Barrell, DPW members; Water Manager Michael Bishop, Water Operations Manager Mark Mancuso, Director Peter Castanino, Assistant Director Michael Santoro and Administrative Assistant Jackie Ehler

1. Chairman French called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
2. Water Manager Mr. Bishop presented the issue with water/sewer bill #393079 from September 28, 2012 for 55 Alma Avenue. The customer is requesting a one time water and sewer adjustment. There was a brief discussion to grant relief to this customer as requested. Chairman French made a motion for a one time water and sewer adjustment based on the average usage for the prior two similar quarters.  
Seconded by Mr. Shea.  
Voted unanimously.
3. Water Manager Mr. Bishop presented the issue with water/sewer bill #385622 from September 13, 2012 for 30 Shaw Road. The customer is requesting a one time water and sewer adjustment. There was a brief discussion about whether or not the property insurance will cover the water/sewer bill expense because of extensive property damage from a broken interior pipe. The Board requested that a letter be sent to the property owner to see if the homeowners property damage insurance will cover the water/sewer bill before the Board makes a decision.
4. Water Manager Mr. Bishop presented the issue with the water/sewer bill #378607 from August 31, 2012 for 126 Blanchard Road. The customer is requesting a one time sewer adjustment. There was a brief discussion about this request to grant relief to this customer. Mr. Shea made a motion for a one time sewer adjustment based on the previous consumption from the previous billing because there was not sufficient consumption data from the last two years.  
Seconded by Chairman French.  
Voted unanimously.
5. Mr. Barrell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 6, 2012.  
Seconded by Chairman French.  
Voted unanimously.
6. DPW Director Mr. Castanino updated the board on the FY13 Belmont Center Water Main Improvement Program stating that the design is completed. Staff has met with the Belmont Center Business Association (BCBA) to work with the businesses and residents to address their concerns on the impact the construction will have on the area. There are concerns about traffic and parking disruption and the impact on businesses and commuters as well as impacts on area residents. It was discussed that construction in a heavily traveled business area will be a disturbance, however if the bulk of the utility construction is done at night it seems to be the most effective and least disruptive to the Belmont Center area. This will be a continuing conversation as we work with the

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affected parties to address these concerns. This Water Main Improvement Project is in advance of the Belmont Center rebuilding project scheduled in 2014 by the Office of Community Development.

Chairman French made a motion to support the decisions and recommendations of the DPW Director and Water Division Manager in the effort to minimize daytime construction and have most of the work done at night.

Seconded by Mr. Shea.

Voted unanimously.

7. Design is complete and construction has begun in the Hawthorne, Irving, Grant Ave area which will be completed in the Spring of 2013. DPW Director Mr. Castanino explained that the Water System Improvement Program is 17 years into a 30 year program that has been extremely beneficial to the Town both financially as well as from a water quality, reliability and fire flow perspective.
8. Chairman French moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 am.  
Seconded by Mr. Shea.  
Voted Unanimously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Shea', written over a horizontal line.

William Shea, Clerk