



**Cogswell Spring Water Works  
Water Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

**Members Present:** Jerry Gilbert, Chairman; Bill Hall, Commissioner; Jeff Connor, Commissioner; Norm Bumford, Superintendent

**Guests:** Ryan Bumford, Chief Operator

**Recording Secretary:** Kelly McCutcheon

Review minutes:

**Chair Gilbert moved to approve the March minutes as amended. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Superintendent's Report:

1. Henniker Direction Drilling has completed the installation of the new 10-inch water main from the end of Hall Avenue under State route 202/9. We will begin filling it tomorrow. EJP will be out Friday to inject chlorine and perform a pressure test. Overall, the project has gone well. The Henniker Direction Drilling Crew as well as the sub-contractors have been very good to work with. There were a couple of issues with the resident at the end of Hall Avenue. As you may recall the first incident happened at the beginning of the project when one of the residents came out with a knife and approached Chief Operator Bumford when he was marking out the water main. This time one of the residents parked his car in the middle of the road blocking the backhoe, who was trying to backfill the hole where they made the connection. The operator of the backhoe asked him to move it and the resident refused. The operator called me, and I called the police and asked them to respond to the address and we met on site. The police officer explained to him that he could not block the road and he moved his car. Apparently, he has some other issues with the highway department and is taking it out on us.
2. Henniker Directional Drilling will be back at the end of the week to pump the flowable fill in the old water main as required by the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), District Five Office. Once the North side dries up, I will have Connor Backhoe Service smooth out the disturb area and have it hydro seeded. The Hall Avenue Side should be all cleaned up by the end of the week. The pavement will be repaired at the same time as Maple Street and Fairview Avenue.

3. When the water was being shut down so the contractor could attach the new water main to the old water main at the end of Hall Avenue the operating nut on the top of the gate valve in Maple Street broke. This released a lot of water out of the top of the valve. There appeared to be a lot of water coming from the old main after all the gate valves were off. The crew put pumps in the hole and opened the fire hydrant on Post Office Place to help the water flow. Meanwhile I began to receive complaints of low water pressure and no water on the upper side of Hillside Drive. Chief Operator Bumford and I went to see if we could find the problem, none was found. The following day the crew dug up and replaced the leaking gate valve in Maple Street.
4. The material has been approved for the Circle Street water main replacement as well as the material to replace the service connection in Depot Hill Road that supplies Park Street.
5. The Water samples taken for PFOA/PFAS in the last 18 months have come back with no detection of chemicals. I am in the process of filling out the paper that the Department of Environmental Services requires for the waiver for sampling for PFAS/PFOA. Once completed I will send it to them for approval. If the approval is given it will allow the testing schedule to be reduced.
6. I received a call from Rick Skirinka from DES, he is the person that will be performing the tri-annual a Sanitary Survey on the water system next month. He also wanted me to know that they have changed the Maximum Contaminant Level for Iron and Manganese. The Foster Road Well will not pass the new levels. If we continue to sample, it as part of the Chemical Monitoring program we will receive a notice of violation every time we do. The timeline for this to become law is sometime in 2022. The Board of Water Commissioners may want to consider the future of this well as more of front burner topic rather than leaving on the back burner.
7. Marked out 4 dig safes, provided three final reads for title companies, no extractions this month.
8. The flow sensor in Building two needs to be replaced. I have ordered a new one and I will install it when it comes in. Once it is Installed, I will call EOS Research to come out and connect it to SCADA system.
9. The new office desktop has been installed and the issue of logging into the SCADA system from the office desktop seems to be cured.
10. Monthly bacteria test was negative for bacteria.
11. 242 Construction has told me that they will be at the office on May 3, 2021 to begin shingling the roof and building new steps.

12. Removed the water meter set up from 544 Rush Road at the owner's request. The structure has burnt, and the owner had been living in a camper. They are now going to demolish the house, so we had to remove the equipment.
13. Due to high winds causing a power outage we had to run the pumps on generators for two days.
14. Email from Ron Gehl regarding solar at the Depot Hill Road tank

New business:

There has been discussion of relocation the memorial monument in the park in front of Town Hall with the proposed new location on top of the water main. The Commissioners and Superintendent are against the proposed new location because it will hinder access to the water main.

Chair Gilbert will speak with Jeff at Henniker Directional Drilling for an estimate to directionally drill from Depot Hill Road in front of Town Hall to Park Street. A permit will still need to be filed with the State even if directionally drilling under the road.

108 The Oaks abatement - signed.

Sign abatement for 88 State Shed Road – signed.

Commissioner Concerns:

Commissioner Connor asked about the road clean up on Hall Ave. Superintendent Norm Bumford stated it is in progress and getting done.

Commissioner Hall asked about the new 10-inch line. Superintendent Bumford stated it is in the low spot behind the Post Office, behind the off ramp, and the line should be live next week.

Commissioner Hall is still searching for an attorney for the Water Department and mentioned the Congressional Church is considering selling 52 Prospect Street. To his understanding part of the old water distribution line is in that yard and asked if the Commission would like to abandon the line or remove it. Superintendent Norm Bumford stated he has written the property owner twice with no response.

*By consensus the Commissioners tasked Superintendent Norm Bumford with sending the property owner of 70 Prospect Street a certified letter requesting permission to access the water distribution line on the property.*

Schedule next meeting:

May 18, 2021

**Commissioner Hall moved to adjourn. Commissioner Connor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Adjourned at 4:10pm**