

## **Advisory Committee – Water Company Acquisition Subcommittee –**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 11, 2019

**Place:** Town Hall

In attendance: Subcommittee Members Dave Anderson, Victor Baltera, Bob Curley, Libby Claypoole, Eryn Kelley

Subcommittee Chair Baltera called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

*Discussion of warrant articles MM, NN, OO, and PP relating to possible acquisition of water company*

The meeting was attended by Jon Asher and Josh Krumholz of the Water Company Acquisition Study Committee. Selectman Mary Power, Town Administrator Tom Mayo and Assistant Town Administrator also attended in order to respond to questions from Subcommittee members. Tom Mayo provided information about communications between DEP Staff and Town officials concerning transition and good practices for operation. Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, provided an overview of the components and operation of the water system. The discussion addressed the hiring by the Town of a qualified full-time Water Superintendent and a contract for the operation and maintenance of the water supply system. The differences in the DPU rate setting process and the rate setting process to be followed by the Town were addressed. Capital investment and the need for close coordination with road construction were addressed. Bob Gollege has been hired to provide guidance for the transition process. John Walsh, Aquarion's Vice -President of Operations and Steve Olson, Aquarions Director of MA Operations attended to address questions. The meeting was televised and may be seen in its entirety on Harbor Media.

Members of the public were invited to present questions or comments.

Adjourn – 10:31 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Curley, Secretary

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Agenda

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