



**TOWN OF PAXTON
WATER DEPARTMENT**

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**Water Board
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2013**

Attendees: Jack Malone (JM), Commissioner, Rodney Jenkins (RJ), Commissioner, Mike Putnam (MP), DPW Supt., Travis Thibault (TT), Water Foreman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 20 West Street, Paxton, MA.

Travis Thibault reported that Dick Kilhart, from Mass Rural Water Association (MassRWA), assisted with leak detection in 3 areas. This was a free service provided by MassRWA. One confirmed leak was repaired by the Water Dept. near 44 Camp St. on a 6 inch line. Investigations continue for 17 Monticello Dr. and 176 Suomi St.

Water dept. also fixed a large break on Pleasant St. near Eugenia Ln. which was somewhat complicated involving a tee and gate valve.

The Cross Connection Surveys are complete.

Hydrant flushing is ongoing.

Follow-up to Cross Connection surveys are now complete.

Senior Housing Development water line being installed, 400 ft. in ground as of today. Inspections ongoing.

Mike Putnam reported on budget. Restock of approx.. \$1500. -\$2000. In materials from the Pleasant St. break before end of fiscal year. Overtime is depleted from that job as well.

January 2014, all brass has to be lead free. This is an EPA mandate. Traded in old stock to vendor, and credit for new lead free for restock. 20-30 % higher costs.

Maintenance budget depleted after pump station roof job paid.

Recommend hiring Tata and Howard Engineers to fill out loan application for State Revolving Fund (SRF), which will be used for construction of new Maple St. water tank. The fee involved is \$5000.

Motion by RJ to hire Tata and Howard to fill out and submit application, with fee of \$5000., 2nd JM. Motion approved 2-0.

Discussion on raising rates vs. fixed cost to fund the Water Tank project. Motion by RJ for Water Dept. to raise fees to cover costs of Maple St. Tank loan. 2nd JM. Motion approved 2-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Mike Putnam

John F. Malone accepted