



## OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

### **WATER & SEWER COMMISSION** - July 2, 2024

Hybrid Meeting - Recorded

LWVM Observer: Steven Levy

Staff present: Amy McHugh, Superintendent; Bethany Spangler, Assistant Superintendent. Absent: Dianne Rodgers, Office Manager.

Commissioners present: F. Carlton Siegel, Chair. Members: Gregory Bates, Thomas L. Murray and Barton Hyte. Absent: Thomas Carroll.

Mr. Siegel was appointed chairman. Mr. Murray was appointed vice chairman. Staff appointments of Amy McHugh as superintendent, Bethany Spangler as assistant superintendent and Diane Rogers as office manager were made.

A hydrant was installed on mechanic square with a better angle for the fire department. New meters with wireless communication are being studied. A propagation study may begin in August. The study will give information on how to design a wireless network for Marblehead meters.

The water main replacement has gone well. Mystic, Florence and West Streets are done. The MWRA is going to give 25% for services that you don't have to pay back.

The sewer generators are scheduled for the biannual maintenance next month. They are waiting for parts for Daigle. They are waiting for the paperwork from National Water Main for that contract and have not executed that contract. They should be doing that, hopefully within the month. They voted to have Carl, the chairman, sign the contract.

The office assistant position has been open and they are collecting resumes. They will see if anybody from the union has applied. It is a union position. They have offered our GIS position job to three people who turned it down. There are two more candidates. They have been asked back to visit because their interviews were done by zoom.

Amy researched and recommended approving SJ Olson as a drain layer. The meeting ended at 7:29 PM. The next meeting will be August 6th at 7:00 PM.