



## HARVARD WATER - SEWER COMMISSION

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### MINUTES

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Thursday, February 23, 2022  
Virtual Meeting Held in accordance with Governors Executive Order Suspending  
Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law

*Cindy Russo, Chair*      *Kyle Hedrick*      *Richard Maiore*

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*Present:* Cindy Russo, Chair, Kyle Hedrick, Commissioner, Rick Maiore, Commissioner, Town Administrator, Tim Kilhart, DPW Director, Joan Eliyesil, Harvard Press.  
From Tighe and Bond: Tom Mahanna, Mary Danielson.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

1. The minutes of September 22, 2021 and October 7, 2021 were approved without correction.
2. The Commission voted to recommend that the Select Board use ARPA funds to proceed with Alternative #1A as described in the memo from Tom Mahanna to Tim Kilhart dated February 22, 2022. (Copy attached.) Alternative #1A is for a fully automatic tablet chlorination system and chlorine analyzer to be located in the existing vault. This will meet DEP requirements to get Well 02 back on line. Although the liquid system is cheaper (Alternative #1), the Commission voted to recommend the tablet based system because it requires less handling of chemicals, delivers a more consistent dosage, less chlorine taste and is skid mounted, making it easier to relocate to a permanent facility.
3. The Commission voted to recommend that the Select Board use ARPA funds to for Tighe and Bond's services to apply for SRF funding for a more permanent solution to the needs of the system. The first step would be for Tighe and Bond to investigate the cost and feasibility of connecting the system to Devens. The Commission and Select Board would need to make a choice between a Devens connection and proceeding with Alternative #2 (a Town treatment facility) by June to allow Tighe and Bond to prepare an SRF application in August.

Rick said that he had been a part of the negotiation with the state which established Harvard's right to connect to the Devens water and sewer systems. He believes that once we connect our water system to the Devens system, we become a part of their system. This was negotiated as a part of the Reuse Plan. Kyle said that connected to Devens would reduce future risk to the Town from water system issues. Tom said that from his very preliminary investigation it appears that construction would be feasible and that the necessary agreements and permits are often the difficult part. If authorized, Tighe and Bond would initiate meetings with Devens to determine the feasibility.

Cindy will prepare a memo to the Select Board stating our recommendations and send it to the Commissioners for approval. She will ask that consideration of the recommendations be placed on the Select Board's March 1 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40.