

Dighton Water District

192 Williams Street
North Dighton, MA 02764

Edward Swartz
Jeffery Cloonan
Sue Medeiros

COMMISSIONERS

Tina Bragga
TREASURER

THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDED

Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.
Town Hall – Upper Level

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Ed Swartz, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 18, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING - Policy Changes – Chairman Ed Swartz reported that the attached policy changes would be going into effect on January 1, 2015. Ed proceeded to read the new policy changes. Greg mentioned that Class 52 Ductile Iron pipe will be the only main material accepted to be installed within the district.

Ed entertained a motion to adopt the policies as presented, Sue seconded, all were in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT: Ed wished everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the residents of Dighton from the Dighton Water District.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Ed Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
District Clerk

Those in Attendance:

Edward Swartz Sue Medeiros Greg Olsen Tina Bragga Jim Ready

Chairman Ed Swartz

Clerk Jeff Cloonan

Commissioner Sue Medeiros

DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING – DECEMBER 18, 2014, 6:00 PM

Proposed Subdivision Specifications Changes

Hydrant specs: Mueller Super Centurion 250, Clow medallion, and U.S. Pipe Sentinel 250 are all accepted by the district. These are the only accepted hydrants to be installed. Hydrant specs break flange construction with one 4 1/2” pumper nozzle, and two 2 1/2” hose nozzles. Maximum bury depth 5’6” to finish grade.

Water mains: Class 52 Ductile Iron pipe material is the only main material accepted to be installed within the district. This pertains to all mains 4” and larger. Sand must be used to provide at least 1’ of cover on top and at least 6” below the pipe. The water mains must be placed off the bituminous surface of the roadway. The mains can be placed in the buffer strip or grass area within the street layout. Mega lug type pipe restraints must be used on all fittings and valves attached to the DI pipe. Maximum bury depth to finished grade is not to exceed 5’6”. Pipe must be pressure tested and disinfected according to AWWA standards. Bacteria samples must be collected and pass AWWA standards prior to opening any gate valves or activating service to provide water within any subdivision.

Proposed Rules and Regulations Changes

Meters

Large meter testing policy

Meters larger than 6” must be tested every year

4 1/2” to 6” every two years

3” to 4” every three years

1 1/4” to 2 1/2” every four years

To begin the program, all test results must be submitted to the water district office by Dec. 31, 2015. A list of approved meter testers will be provided. If the owner of the meter feels it may be downsized they can request the district to conduct a usage study at no cost. If it is mutually determined appropriate, then the district will purchase and replace meters up to and including 1”. After the installation, the meter is subject to replacement every 15 years by the district. The owner will be assessed a proportionate meter fee going forward every billing cycle. Any meters larger than 1”, found to be outside of AWWA specs must be repaired or replaced at the owners’ expense.

Adoption of Mass General law Chapter 165, Section 11:

Whoever unlawfully and intentionally injures or suffers to be injured, a water meter belonging to a city, town, district, or company engaged in supplying water, or prevents such meter from duly registering the quantity of water supplied through it, or hinders or interferes with its proper action or just registration, or attaches a pipe to a main or pipe belonging to a city, town, district, or water company, or otherwise uses or causes to be used the water supplied by a city, town, district, or company without the consent of the same, unless it passes through a meter set by such

city, town, district, or company, shall be punished by a fine of triple the amount of damages sustained thereby or \$1,000, whichever is greater or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. Damages shall include the value of the water used and the cost of labor and equipment repair and replacement.

All water metered:

The district reserves the right to meter water to the end user. In the event of an apartment complex or condominiums, individual meters for each unit may be required at the discretion of the Supt. and Board of Water Commissioners.

Service Pipes:

Connection charge for service installations:

The installation of water services from the water main to the property line, including tapping of the water main, materials and any road repairs can be performed by either the district or an approved contractor. The contractor must provide the district with a copy of an insurance certificate naming the district for the amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 aggregate. Any and all road and trench permits are the responsibility of the contractor and must be provided prior to excavation. The contractor is responsible for his work for 1 year from date of completion.

No new services shall be installed on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays.
No new services will be installed after Nov. 15th and before April 15th

Material for service pipes:

Service pipe 4" in diameter and above shall be class 52 cement lined ductile iron pipe manufactured in accordance with AWWA spec.

Tapping Mains:

Only persons authorized by the Superintendent of the water district will be allowed to tap mains or distribution pipes, insert corporation stops, or interfere with water gates or curb stops.

Water meter pits:

The water district will require meter pits on all services 150' or greater. Only approved meter pits from Ford or Mueller will be allowed. The pit will be located after the curb box. The district suggests the line leaving the pit be a minimum of 1 1/4" in dia. There are to be no obstructions on or around the meter pit or its cover.

Fire Hydrants:

The following fire hydrants are approved for use within the district:

Mueller Super Centurion 250

Clow Medallion

U.S. Pipe Sentinel 250