

Town of Ayer

**WATER AND SEWER RATE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2017, 3:30pm

Attendance: Jannice Livingston (arrived @ 3:45pm), Mary Spinner, Lisa Gabree, Pam Martin, Rick Skoczylas, Mark Wetzel, Robert Pontbriand

Absent: Niel Middleton

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Ayer Town Hall.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The Committee reviewed the DRAFT meeting minutes from March 9, 2017.

Motion: A motion was made by M. Spinner and seconded by R. Skoczylas to approve the March 9, 2017, meeting minutes. **Motion passed (7-0).**

Review and Discussion of the FY 2018 Water and Sewer Rates:

There was no discussion on the FY 2018 Water and Sewer Rates.

Update on the Senior Discount Program:

P. Martin advised that 20 people took advantage of the program in the first year and 25 people in the second year of the program.

R. Skoczylas asked if the savings are now printed on the bills.

P. Martin stated that the discounts are now on the bills.

Discussion on PFAS Contamination and Potential Costs:

M. Wetzel provided the Committee with an overview of the PFAS contamination in the Town of Ayer water supply. He advised that some potential options for the Town's consideration would be to buy water from Devens; built a PFAS treatment plant which could cost between \$5 to \$6 million; and he was going to talk to Devens about their water capacity and potential rates to purchase water.

M. Wetzel further stated that by the next meeting he would hope to have costs for the Committee.

Discussion and Preparation for the Proposed FY 2019 Water and Sewer Rates:

L. Gabree stated that it is very early in the rate development process.

Scheduling of Next Meeting: The Committee scheduled the next meeting for January 17, 2018, at 3:30pm.

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Adjournment:

**Motion:** A motion was made by R. Skoczylas and seconded by M. Spinner to adjourn the meeting at 4:30pm. **Motion passed (7-0).**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by R. Pontbriand, Town Administrator.

Minutes reviewed and approved by the Committee on January 17, 2018.

Signed:  1/17/2018  
Robert A. Pontbriand  
Town Administrator