

# WESTMINSTER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS P.O. BOX 376 WESTMINSTER, MA 01473 - Tel. (978) 874-5572

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# PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2015

Location: Public Works Department Office, 2 Oakmont Avenue

Present: Members: Lorraine J. Emerson – Chairman, Vance A. Butterfield, Scott

H. Ryder; Joshua W. Hall – Director of Public Works

6:00 PM Opened Meeting at Public Works Department Office. Reviewed correspondence and signed bills for payment.

6:01 PM Commissioner Butterfield made a motion that the Commission approve the meeting minutes of April 21, 2015 as written. The motion seconded by Commissioner Ryder. Voted unanimously.

### Holmes Park Water District Rescind Discussion

No new items were discussed on this subject.

## Annual Water & Sewer Rate Review

The Commission discussed proposed rate increases.

6:06 PM Commissioner Ryder made a motion to raise the water and sewer rates by 5% for FY16 and FY17 to reduce the magnitude of required increases in later years. The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

6:08 PM Commissioner Butterfield made a motion to raise the water rate by 3% and the sewer rate by 2.5% for FY16. The motion seconded by Chairman Emerson. The motion passed 2-1 with the dissenting vote by Commissioner Ryder.

#### Whitman River Sewer System Improvements

No new items were discussed on this subject.

#### May 2, 2015 Town Meeting Article Discussion and Assignments

The Commission discussed and assigned the Public Works Department's Town Meeting articles.

6:49 PM — Commissioner Ryder made a motion to adjourn. The motion seconded by Commissioner Butterfield. Voted unanimously.

APPROVED WESTMINSTER PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION