

## October 12 2023 Department of Public Works Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Department of Public Works Commission was called to order by Carmine DeMaria at 6:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room of City hall at 484 Broadway.

**Present:**

Department of Public Works Commissioners: Carmine DeMaria, Mark Puleo, Richard Zullo and Joseph LaMonica  
 Everett Water Department: Ernest Lariviere, Water Superintendent and Tameka Walsh, Administrative Assistant.  
 Guests: Taryn & Scott Leeds 562 Second St, Inive Jean 35 Highland Ave, Efrain Vaquerano 96 Waverly St and Jessie Xu 160 Garland St

**MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of 9/14/2023 was made by Rich Zullo and seconded by Mark Puleo. All in Favor

**WATER ABATEMENTS**

The following abatements were approved/denied as followed:

160 Garland St	<p>We found the toilet leaking, immediately fixed it, less than 24 hours. Please help us dispute this bill cause we didn't know before.</p> <p>A motion to second tier once documentation of repair has been submitted was made by Mark Puleo and seconded by Joe LaMonica. All in favor.</p>	Abate \$221.64
562 Second St	<p>I am hoping you can help us. I am a proud homeowner of 562 second st Everett . I previously lived in Everett for 30 years and my wife still works there . We own a property that we keep in good condition while treating the tenants more then fair-</p> <p>Also, we follow all the rules of owning a house. We have utilized the old water monitoring system in case of leaks.Over the past few months , our bill was high and we couldn't figure out but always paid on time . This month after the bill tripled , we new we must have a leak -</p> <p>We found out the 1 st floor toilet was leaking . We needed to install a kit for thirty dollars to resolve-</p> <p>Unfortunately , our bill for June and July have increased susbatantial- Can you please see if you can help us with our past May, June bill and if anything for the first 14!days of July , we would appreciate –</p> <p>A motion to abate \$71.46 was made by Mark Puleo and seconded by Richard Zullo. All in favor.</p>	Abate \$71.46  RECEIVED CITY CLERKS OFFICE EVERETT, MA 2023 NOV 13 P 12: 02
114 Bradford St	<p>I have unusually higher bill for the month of September. I usually pay on average of \$180-\$190 but this month the bill is \$569.14. I checked with plumber to see if there is any leaks but he found none. I would be grateful if you can grant me an abatement for the amount requested above as this is the first time something like this has happened to me and I will have a tough time to pay this amount.</p> <p>A motion to table for the owner to be present at the next meeting was made by Mark Puleo and seconded by Rich Zullo. All in favor.</p>	Tabled
96 Waverly St	<p>My bill was significantly higher for the the month of July due to an issue with a toilet in my home while I was out of town. I fixed the toilet when I returned and the water usage went back to normal. I am attaching a copy of my plane tickets showing my travel dates from 7/21-7/25, which are the dates the toilet was running continuously. Also, when my wife called the water department to dispute the bill she was not informed that the abatement request had to be sent before the bill due date which is why I am sending it now. I would kindly request my case be considered for abatement as this was an isolated issue that occurred while I was not in the home for several days and I have now fixed</p>	Abate \$87.81

	<p>that faulty toilet. Thank you.</p> <p>A motion to single tier was made by Joe LaMonica and seconded by Mark Puleo. All in favor.</p>	
35 Highland Ave	<p>My water bill is always \$60-\$80. I was away for a week and I shut off everything before leaving when I came back I ended up with a surprise and I never had a leak in my house before. I'm a single woman fighting all alone, I need your help.</p> <p>A motion to table until a plumber can inspect toilets was made by Mark and seconded by Rich Zullo. All in favor.</p>	Tabled

A motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Water Department Rules and Regulation was made by Joe LaMonica and seconded by Mark Puleo. All in favor

A motion to adjourn at 7:12pm was made by Mark Puleo and seconded by Rich Zullo. All in favor