

**KINGSTON BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 10, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was called to order at 5:12 pm on June 10, 2020 via Zoom video conference. Present were President Dennis Crosswell, Mayor Steven Noble, Commissioners Robert Niedzielski, Margaret Gruner and Joanne Seche. Also in attendance were Superintendent Judith Hansen, Assistant Secretary Matthew Dysard, Attorney William Cloonan, Council Liaison Michele Hirsch and Consulting Engineer James Caggiano.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bills in the amount of \$31,626.24 dated May 20, 2020; \$39,904.51 dated May 27, 2020; \$94,144.71 dated June 3, 2020; and \$166,185.03 dated June 10, 2020; were ordered paid as audited on a motion by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Gruner. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed COVID-19. Superintendent Hansen reported we are still waiting for Plexiglas barriers to be installed prior to opening the office to the public. A motion to approve the installation of air conditioning unit at the Filter Plant at a cost not to exceed \$11,900 was made by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski. Motion carried by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Seche to waive late penalty on all water bills due June 23, 2020. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The following resolution was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Gruner:

BE IT RESOLVED: That upon request of any Water Board Member, the attendance and participation in regular meetings and/ or committee meetings of such Board Member by video conference, with authority to vote upon action taken, shall be permitted in accordance with the requirements of Article 7, Sections 100 et. seq. of the Open Meetings Law of the State of New York. Attendance in such manner shall also serve to constitute a quorum of said Board if required.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the Cooper Lake Improvements Project. A motion was made by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski, a copy of which is attached hereto, to issue a Determination of Non-Significance under SEQRA for the connection to the Ashokan Reservoir. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Superintendent Hansen reported that the storm water permit has been sent to DEC.

The Board discussed the Transmission Main Rehab Project. Superintendent Hansen reported that the vaults were set at the site last Friday. It was also reported that the current plan is for the next set of tie-ins to take place in early July.

The Board discussed the 2020 WIIA project. Superintendent Hansen reported that for the next meeting a project budget and cost breakdown will be available for review.

The Quarry St. Project was discussed. Superintendent Hansen reported that a meeting needs to be set to discuss project with engineer.

The Board discussed the 587 Roundabout. Superintendent Hansen reported that a meeting is scheduled next week to discuss potential valve installations at the site. It was also reported that plans for placement of some of the new water mains will need to be discussed with the contractor.

The Board discussed Tech City. Superintendent Hansen reported that Ulster County and The Farm Bridge continue to pay for their water usage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Gruner to approve agreement with CDM Smith for Engineering Services for Water System GIS Development Support at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed Water Treatment Chemical bids. Bids were received and publically opened and read aloud on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 1PM. These bids have been reviewed and upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Water Commissioners resolves to award them on a motion made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Gruner as follows:

Vendor	Chemical	Cost
Holland Company	Liquid Alum	\$0.22/pound
Slack Chemical	Sodium Hypochlorite	\$0.982/gallon
Slack Chemical	Hydrated Lime	\$0.213/pound

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A correspondence from Tim Charest, owner of 89 Spring St, was discussed. No action needed at this time. A correspondence from Linda Ellis of 65 Lincoln St. regarding late fees was received/discussed. Superintendent Hansen to respond. A correspondence from Ashton Zubal of Farmstock Farm was discussed, no action needed at this time.

The May 2020 Superintendent's Report was read and ordered filed on a motion by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Seche. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Johnson Controls correspondence will be discussed at the July meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Gruner at 6:27 pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

*Matthew Dysard*  
Assistant Secretary

*June 9, 2020*

***Rehabilitation of Cooper Lake Dam & Related Development of a Temporary Connection to the NYCDEP Ashokan Reservoir***

On May 13, 2020, the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Kingston (Board or Kingston) was designated the SEQRA lead agency status for the proposed temporary emergency connection to the NYCDEP Ashokan Reservoir to install a temporary emergency connection to potentially obtain up to 2,000,000 million gallons per day (MGD) of water from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) during the construction of the dam rehabilitation project, when the stored water supply from Cooper Lake will be reduced. Previously, Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) was completed by the Kingston Water Department and its consultants, CDM Smith and Schnabel Engineering which was later circulated to the potential involved agencies. (see Appendix A for a copy of the Full EAF Part 1 and its attachments).

Previously, the Board of Water Commissioners had rendered a SEQRA determination on September 11, 2019 and amended on November 13, 2019 with respect to the relationship of the rehabilitation of the dam and temporary connection to the Ashokan Reservoir for purposes of SEQRA review. The Board is not reviewing these projects separately. Rather, when reviewing this project in its entirety, the rehabilitation of Cooper Lake Dam is clearly a Type II action (§617.5(c)(2)) and, as such, does not warrant further consideration in the EAF. It is also distinct from the work on the Ashokan connection both temporally and geographically.

Under this circumstance, impermissible segmentation does not occur when SEQRA has defined one element of an overall project as a Type II action (which is exempt from environmental review) and the lead agency properly evaluates the remaining portions of the proposed project under SEQRA, (the inter-connection to the Ashokan Basin).

After a thorough review of Part 1 of the EAF (and attachments), Part 2 and Part 3 of the EAF prepared by the Board's Superintendent (See Appendix B), comments received from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and technical responses thereto concerning activities proposed for connecting to the Ashokan Reservoir and comments received from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation concluding that no historic or archeological resources would be impacted, the Board finds that no significant adverse environmental effects will arise from this action to construct and utilize, if necessary, a temporary connection to the Ashokan Reservoir during reconstruction of the Cooper Lake Dam.

Upon motion made and seconded, it is RESOLVED by the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Kingston New York, to issue a Determination of Non-Significance under SEQRA for this action. It is further, RESOLVED that the Board's Superintendent is directed to circulate, file and publish Notice of this Negative Determination as required by the SEQRA regulations, 6NYCRR §617.12.

Motion By: Margaret Gruner  
Seconded By: Robert Niedzielski

MEMBERS	SIGNATURE	YES	NO
Dennis Croswell, President			
Robert Niedzielski			
Margaret Gruner			
Joanne Seche			
Steven Noble			

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Dennis Croswell, President

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Date