

**SELECTBOARD'S MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016**

**8:05 PM – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET**

**PRESENT:** SEAN STANTON  
STEVE BANNON  
DAN BAILLY  
BILL COOKE  
ED ABRAMS- Absent

TOWN MANAGER, JENNIFER TABAKIN

**8:05 PM - OPEN MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Town Manager's Conference Room  
M.G.L. c.30A, sec. 21(a)(3): Pending litigation matter – Housatonic Water Works rate increase petition to Department of Public Utilities, D.P.U. No. 15-179.

Executive session commenced at 8:05pm in the Town Manager's Conference room.

The Board consulted with Town Counsel, David Doneski, on the holding an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the rate increase petition of Housatonic Water Works Co. Attorney Doneski advised that this was properly declared executive session.

Attorney Doneski reported to the Board that at the end of 2015 the Housatonic Water Works Company filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities to increase water rates for the Housatonic Water Works Company's users. Discrepancies were found in meters and there is currently water being dispensed to the residents that is unaccounted for. DPU is mandating that all meters be updated or replaced with newer more efficient technology. DPU is allowing a 2 year grace period for meter updating to occur.

The increase in water rates will occur in two phases; Phase One will have an 8.4% increase of \$6.93, Phase Two, beginning in November 2017 will show a \$3.00 increase. The total net increase will be 29.3%, citizens will see about an \$11.00 increase once Phase Two is complete.

The Board strongly suggested that in the final agreement with DPU there needs to be language ensuring that the water provided to the residents of Housatonic be free of heavy metals such as lead and copper.

The Town Manager was instructed by the Board to follow up with DEP and DPU the next day to gather more information about the settlement and time line of proceedings.

**Motion:** Steve Bannon to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:00pm.

**Second:** Dan Bailly

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	STEVE BANNON	-	yes
	DAN BAILLY	-	yes
	BILL COOKE	-	yes
	SEAN STANTON	-	yes
	<b>Vote: 4-0</b>		

Respectfully Submitted by

 9/26/16

Rebecca M Jurczyk  
Recording Secretary