

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of January 12, 2016

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mr. James E. Kelleher, Chairman
Mr. John S. Lovewell, Water Commissioner
Mr. David Burke, Water Commissioner

EWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. William Chapman, Superintendent
Mr. Shane Ben David, Assistant Superintendent

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kelleher at 3:07 pm

Minutes:

Mr. Lovewell motioned to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2015 meeting. Mr. Burke seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Lily Pond Progress:

Lily Pond is progressing well. The new components should be installed this week. The sentiment at the bottom of the well has been removed. Mr. Chapman would like to keep a closer eye on the mechanical components of the wells going forward.

The commissioners signed an article for \$20,000.00 for the April Town Meeting to transfer funds to cover the cost of the emergency repair.

Tank Project Funding:

Mr. Chapman has contacted Ron Koontz from USDA inquiring what would be needed to increase the loan. \$675,000.00 has been borrowed of the \$900,000.00 allowed. The other

\$225,000.00 was from a grant. Another \$133,800.00 is needed to cover the cost to paint the standpipe.

Job Description Revisions:

Mr. Chapman revised the job description of the Foreman position. Mr. Chapman updated it to reflect current responsibilities, regulations, etc. Mr. Chapman would like to fill the Foreman position instead of the Operator 2 position which was left vacant last year. The commissioners will take a copy of the job description to review and discuss at a future meeting.

Budget Corrections/Revisions:

The budget meeting was held last week. The meeting went well. The debt schedule had a few minor changes prior to the meeting. The change had to do with 2 payments pertaining to the painting of the standpipe. Mr. Chapman mentioned that a rate increase might need to be looked at especially if any more projects need to be completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pump Station P.S.I Project:

An upgrade to the stations to put in controls so that the pump stations could run on pressure had been discussed at a previous meeting. The commissioners had requested a quote as to how much it would cost for A/D Instruments to perform the upgrades. Mr. Chapman doesn't think that is needed. Pressure relief valves can be purchased for around \$1200.00. Two valves would be needed. The valves could then be monitored in-house.

Lily Pond Lease /Abandoned Well Site:

Mr. Chapman questioned why we pay rent to Sheriff's Meadow for the use of the land at Lily Pond. Mr. Chapman inquired why the Town hasn't taken the land by eminent domain.

Sheriff's Meadow would like to meet with the Water Commissioners to talk about the Shurtleff property. They have expressed an interest in the property.

Overdue Tata & Howard Projects:

\$8,000.00 was paid to Tata & Howard for a new tank study. The request was made on June 7, 2015. Tata & Howard had 60 days to complete the study. The study was not completed in the time frame like it was supposed to be. The first draft was not acceptable. There was a second draft in November 2015. Mr. Chapman was not pleased with that draft.

Tata & Howard has an office in Lakeville, MA. Mr. Chapman questioned why we have an engineer traveling from Maine if they have a closer office. The commissioners recommended contacting the Lakeville office and see about changing engineers.

Other Business:

A copy of the Town report was given to the commissioners.

Phillip Levesque has passed his D2 exam.

The ASR has been received. It has not been completed yet.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lovewell motioned, Mr. Burke seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3.55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Mercier
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

James E. Kelleher, Chairman

John S. Lovewell, Water Commissioner

David Burke, Water Commissioner