

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of May 10, 2016

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mr. James E. Kelleher, Chairman
Mr. Scott Ellis, Water Commissioner
Mr. David Burke, Water Commissioner

EWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. William Chapman, Superintendent

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kelleher at 3:16 pm

Minutes:

Mr. Burke motioned to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2016 meeting. Mr. Kelleher seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Ellis was welcomed as the new Water Commissioner.

Mr. Burke nominated Mr. Kelleher as Chairman. Mr. Ellis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Revised Tank Study:

Mr. Chapman provided the commissioner's with a new draft of the tank study prepared by Patrick O'Neale, Tata & Howard, for review and approval.

WMA Permit Update:

The DEP is not excepting permit applications at this time. The Water Department will continue to work under the current permit.

Tank Project Update:

Mr. Kelleher and Kim Kane, Town Accountant, have signed the paperwork for the tank painting. The project will begin after Labor Day.

Chemical Conversion Study:

Mr. Chapman is in discussion with Mr. O’Neale, Tata & Howard, but not with the DEP about converting from Sodium Hydroxide to Potassium Hydroxide. Conversion application will be submitted at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Revised Estimate Application/Form

Tabled to a later date.

Commissioner’s E-Mail Request:

Mr. Burke motioned to have the commissioners each receive a town e-mail. Mr. Ellis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chemical Bids:

The low bids, from the chemical co-op, for FY17 are:

Sodium Hydroxide = \$1.5436 per gallon

Potassium Hydroxide = \$3.3232 per gallon

Contracted Labor Wages:

Mr. Chapman looked in to what justifies our rates for equipment use. Mr. Chapman spoke with town counsel who spoke with Jack Collins, Labor representative. There are no set labor rates.

Mr. Collins advised that the water department needs to stay competitive with local contractors rates.

A discussion was held about the water department no longer doing water main extensions on private roads.

Mullen Way – Potential Insurance Claim:

A water main was replaced on Mullen Way. When the services lines were tied in there was one that got debris in it which caused damage to the homeowner's sink/faucet. The homeowner was informed that a written letter of explanation was needed of what occurred. If anything is received it will be forwarded to our insurance company.

Upcoming Projects/Improvements:

Listed below are some ideas for the \$60,000 that was voted at the annual Town Meeting:

- Replace roof on one of the pump stations
- Replacing some hydrants
- Pressure relief valves to run the system without the tank

Abatement:

Colin Hoehn requested an abatement on his April water bill due to a higher than usual water bill due to a burst pipe. Mr. Burke motioned to have Mr. Hoehn submit the bill as part of a claim on his homeowner's insurance. If the claim is denied Mr. Hoehn can come back to the water department and request an abatement. Mr. Kelleher seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

The commissioner's received a handout on the open meeting laws.

Mr. Chapman met with Troy Bettencourt and told him of the requirements for his water main extension on Bettencourt Way. Mr. Bettencourt was very receptive.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Burke motioned, Mr. Kelleher seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Mercier
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN**

James E. Kelleher, Chairman

David Burke, Water Commissioner

Scott Ellis, Water Commissioner