

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of January 13, 2015

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

EWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Shane Ben David, Chief Operator/ Assistant Superintendent
Mr. William Chapman, Superintendent

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kelleher at 4:00 pm

Minutes:

Mr. Lovewell motioned to approve minutes from the meeting of December 09, 2014. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Abatement Policy:

Mr. Chapman drafted up an abatement policy that would give a onetime abatement of 50% of the water overage in the case of a leak or other issue. At present the commissioners can abate up to 30% of the water usage charge. At this time no vote was taken to change the current policy.

Tank Project Funding:

The funds to have the standpipe painted have been approved. 75% of the funds will come from loans and the remaining 25% will come from grants. The total funds are \$900,000.00. The time

to have the tank painted is looking to be in the fall of 2015 based on when the funds will be made available.

Mr. Burke would like a list of items that need to be in place to ensure the tank painting will be ready for the fall.

Mr. Burke motioned to give permission to Mr. Chapman to sign preliminary paperwork for the tank painting, Mr. Lovewell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Oak Bluffs Tank Painting:

Mr. Lovewell would like to speak with Kevin Johnson, Oak Bluffs water superintendent, in regards to how Oak Bluffs tank painting went last year. Mr. Lovewell would also like to ask Mr. Johnson about a mixer they had installed. Mr. Lovewell is interested in having a mixer installed in Edgartown's tank.

Shurtleff:

Mr. Lovewell would like to get an estimate of what it would cost to have the asbestos shingles removed from Shurtleff. Mr. Chapman said he would look into the cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fin-Com:

Mr. Chapman and Mr. Lovewell attended the budget meeting. The meeting went well and the budget was approved. Mrs. Kane, Town Accountant, recommended the miscellaneous expenses on our budget be broken down into more specific categories.

There was no issue with the articles that were submitted for Aprils Town Meeting.

Mr. Lovewell has questions about the water department funds. He questions why the water department doesn't manage the surplus fund and why are we not required to show bank interest in our revenue.

Land Bank Visit:

Mr. Lovewell would like Mr. Kelleher and Mr. Chapman to meet with the Land Bank to discuss a future well site at Penney Wise Preserve.

Main Break:

There was a water main break on Upper Main Street caused by a broken gasket and coupling. The repair and clean up went well. Repaving will happen when the weather permits.

Station Repairs/ Well Cleaning:

A/D Instruments came out and made repairs at Quenomica. Mr. Lovewell questioned whether the department should clean a well this spring. Mr. Chapman would like to do some research and testing before a decision is made.

Gaines Way- Con Com Issue:

A new 6" main will be installed on Gaines Way It will tie in at Fuller St. The main will extended to the end of the road instead of stopping part way down like it currently does. This will put the main in a coastal area. Mr. Chapman will be meeting with Con Com to explain what the water department plans are. He is not expecting any issues or opposition.

Solar Panel Letter:

Mr. Lovewll drafted a letter to American Capital Energy Inc stating that he would like to set up a meeting to discuss the overseeing of the solar panels that are next to Nunnepog well. The commissioners signed the letter and it will be mailed out tomorrow.

Other Business:

UCMR3 sampling is 50% completed. There are a couple of re-samplings that needs to be done.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lovewell motioned, Mr. Burke seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Mercier
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

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