

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of June 9, 2015

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

EWD STAFF PRESENT:

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

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kelleher at 3:18 pm

Minutes:

Mr. Lovewell motioned to approve minutes from the meeting of May 12, 2015. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Tank Progress:

Bids will be opened on June 17th, 2015 at 2:00pm. Mr. Lovewell would like to have the four corners of the standpipe lot flagged so the bidders can see the size of the lot.

Sheila's Increased Hours Status:

Mr. Chapman met with the Personnel Board to discuss the increase in hours for Sheila's Ben David. No action will be taken at this time. After the start of the new fiscal year the town will be conducting a personnel review for all departments. After the review it will be determined if an increase in hours is needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Oak Bluff's Tank Inspection:

The Oak Bluffs tank was inspected on June 9, 2015; one year after their tank was painted. Mr. Chapman was present. A paint representative and inspector were present. An ROV (remote operated camera) was run in the tank to do an internal inspection. The external paint was checked also. The only paint issues were related to antennas that are affixed to the tank. It is not a workmanship issue.

New Tank Site / Tata & Howard Tank Study:

Mr. Chapman received a letter from the selectman in regards to a site at the end of Jernegan Way. In 2013 former superintendent Mr. Domont had put in a request for use of the lot for a future water tank. The Conservation Commission also has interest in the lot. The Town is proposing to put the parcel up for auction. Mr. Chapman believes it is a suitable lot for a tank. Mr. Chapman believes the lot is big enough for both the Water Department and Conservation Committee needs.

Mr. Chapman responded to the selectman expressing interest in the parcel.

Tata & Howard will need to conduct a feasibility study, which is a necessity if a water tank is to be erected. The commissioner's signed a contract for the study to be completed. The study will be completed within 60 days.

WMA Permit Status:

Mr. Chapman met with DEP last week. The present permit was submitted in 2010 but was never officially accepted by Mass Dep. Presently the permit allows for 920,000 gallons pumped per day. Mr. Chapman will apply for a new permit to allow for a higher value of 1.22 million gallons pumped per day.

Well Rehab / Service:

Mr. Chapman and Mr. Ben David attended a class in Vineyard Haven on well rehabilitation. Mr. Chapman spoke with Paul Cote and Peter Marr on a conference call pertaining to cleaning Lily Pond well. Mr. Chapman does not want to take Lily Pond off line until after the summer.

Interconnection with Oak Bluffs:

A permit needs to be filed with DEP for interconnections between towns. DEP would like a letter stating that the Town's think it's a good idea for an interconnection. They would also like an agreement of mutual aid of opening the interconnection.

Will revisit next month.

Potassium Hydroxide Report:

Sodium hydroxide is currently used to treat the water to bring up the waters pH. This increases the amount of sodium that is naturally in the water. Potassium Hydroxide can also be used and will not increase the sodium levels. There is an increase of price between the two chemicals. The DEP will need to approve of the change in chemicals.

Mr. Ben David will test the raw water sodium levels.

Installation of Meters in Pumping Stations:

All stations have had meters installed to help keep track of unaccounted for water.

Upcoming Projects:

The water main will be extended about 1,000 feet on The Boulevard.

Other Business:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lovewell motioned, Mr. Kelleher seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:22pm.

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