

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of August 11, 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, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. William Chapman, Superintendent

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kelleher at 3:00 pm

Minutes:

Minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Water Main Agreement Document:

Mr. Chapman presented a Water Main Agreement. The document has been reviewed and approved by Town Counsel. The document includes a 1 year warranty period before the Town takes over ownership of the water main.

Mr. Lovewell motioned to accept the Water Main Agreement form, Mr. Burke seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

KOH Final Report & Recommendation:

Mr. Chapman provided a report of the water testing of the sodium levels. Mr. Chapman would like to change from Sodium Hydroxide to Potassium Hydroxide which would bring down the sodium levels. Approval from the DEP is required. If the approval passes he would like start using the new chemical in July 2016 at the beginning of the fiscal year so it can be budgeted in. Mr. Kelleher would like to change over sooner if the budget allows. Mr. Chapman will start the application for the change in chemicals.

Mr. Lovewell motioned to have the chemicals changed from Sodium Hydroxide to Potassium Hydroxide, Mr. Burke seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Oak Bluffs Water District & Interconnection Agreement:

Mr. Chapman contacted Oak Bluffs Water District on July 15th by email requesting a meeting to discuss the interconnection agreement. As of August 11th no response has been received. Mr. Chapman suggested drafting a letter on the behalf of the Water Commissioners. Mr. .Burke suggested placing a phone call to see if he could get a response that way.

If Oak Bluffs and Edgartown can't come to an agreement there is another option that is possible to run the stations while the tank is off line. Pressure relief valves can be used. There is an expense to have to stations outfitted for the valves. Mr. Chapman and Mr. Ben David both agree that pressure relief valves are beneficial if there is a second interconnection or not. Mr. Chapman and Mr. Ben David will look into the cost of outfitting the wells.

Tank Contract Revisions:

Mr. Chapman contacted Paul Cote and requested a change in the tank painting contract. Mr. Cote sent a revised contract. There will be 2 bid sheets with 3 different options. Each bid sheet will have 3different prices based on the painting and added options.

Mr. Lovewell would like to have an inlet pipe, from the wall of the tank that will end at the mixer, to add chlorine if need be. Mr. Chapman would like to table that discussion at this time.

Mr. Cote would like to send it out to bid in November to have the tank painted in the spring. Mr. Chapman and the commissioners would like to send it out to bid as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.C Unit Repair:

In July the heating/cooling unit failed. BTU came out and looked at the unit. It was more cost effective to purchase a new unit as opposed to replacing the coil. The cost was \$4,000.00.

3RD Street Project Schedule & Cost:

The price to complete the loop and install a few fire hydrants was \$23,659.58. The material has been ordered and the project will be started next week.

Other Business:

The Ford Explorer had 2 recalls that will be repaired tomorrow 07/15/2015 at Ford of Wareham.

There has been a request from Jane Varkonda, Conservation Commission, to use a chemical application at the solar panel site near Nunnepog well. The Solar panels are just outside the 400ft buffer. Mr. Chapman has concerns about this. Mr. Chapman went to the Dept. of Agriculture website and got a list of everything that should not be used near a well and forwarded it to Mrs. Varkonda. Mr. Chapman and the commissioners are not in favor of using any kind of chemicals near the well.

Wintucket well station needs a new roof. Mr. Ben David is going to get some quotes as to the cost of a new roof. Mr. Chapman has viewed the Shurtleff property and is not sure in what direction to go in regards to stripping the asbestos shingles. Mr. Chapman does not see any benefit in tearing the buildings down at this time. Mr. Lovewell would like to tear the buildings down and sell the property.

Department evaluations have not stated yet and no word has been given as to when they will start.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lovewell motioned, Mr. Kelleher seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:32pm.

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