

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of October 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. 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 September 8, 2015. Mr. Burke seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Meeting with OB Water Department:

An informal meet and greet is scheduled for November 4, 2015 at the Oak Bluffs Water Department. This is for the commissioners and the superintendents to meet each other.

Tank Progress:

8 Bidders have taken out papers. The bid opening is on Wednesday October 28th, 2014 at 2:00pm.

KOH Conversion:

Everything on the Water Department's end is done. The only thing left to do is some engineering analysis. The cost will be minimal.

Well Service Report:

The report for the 4 wells was very favorable. There is one mechanical issue at Lily Pond. An Upper shaft needs to be repaired or replaced. At this time no wells need to be cleaned.

Interconnection Progress:

The packet has been mailed to MA DEP. No response yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lily Pond Lease:

The lease for Lily Pond was originated with the Edgartown Water Company. The lease doesn't mention successors. The lease is valid for 75 years. Mr. Chapman questioned if the lease is valid or not for the Water Department. The Town might have assumed the lease and liens along with the assets when the Town purchased the Water Department. Mr. Chapman wonders why the Town hadn't taken the land by emanate domain.

Station Conversion to Operate on Pressure:

The quote to modifying stations has not been received yet from A/D Instruments. This will protect the system from over pressurization in the event that our tank is off line and the interconnection with O.B.W.D. is unavailable for our use.

Department Review/Job Descriptions:

The Commissioner's agreed to increase Sheila Ben David, office assistant, hours. Mr. Chapman went to the Personnel Board regarding this and was informed they are going to be doing a review of all departments. After the review Mrs. Ben David's hours will be increased if deemed necessary. Mr. Chapman would like to go over the job descriptions and make changes as needed.

Superintendents Annual Review:

The Commissioners will complete the superintendent's annual review.

Other Business:

11 million gallons more than last calendar year have been pumped this year and that does not include 4th quarter numbers.

The approval letter for Jordan Way has been issued.

The Tank study received from Tata & Howard was severely past due and we have received only a draft. The agreement was signed on June 9, 2015 and was supposed to be completed within 60 days. There was some displeasure expressed. Further discussion to follow.

The low bid for the replacement of Wintucket roof was \$10,000.00. The article account will be depleted and the remainder will be paid from the operating account.

Beetle Swamp:

It would be inappropriate for a T to be installed in the cross country main for the Kidder project. Mr. Chapman stated that we don't know where the easement would go or even if an easement would be granted. A contractor cannot be expected to absorb the cost for a future expansion for the Water Department.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lovewell motioned, Mr. Kelleher seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Mercier
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

James E. Kelleher, Chairman

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