

**Minutes of the**  
**Regular Meeting of November 10, 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 3:09 pm

**Minutes:**

Mr. Lovewell motioned to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2015 meeting. Mr. Burke seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Tank Status & Recommendation:**

5 bids were received and opened. Worldwide Industries Corp. had the low bid. Mr. Burke motioned to authorize \$128,800.00 on the annual Town meeting article to be transferred from the surplus fund to the operating budget to cover all expenses directly relating to the Standpipe painting. Mr. Lovewell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Burke motioned to authorize Mr. Chapman to notify Paul Cote, Tata & Howard, to award the bid to Worldwide Industries Corp. Mr. Lovewell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Interconnection Status:**

Approval for the interconnection between Edgartown and Oak Bluffs was received from Mass DEP. Oak Bluffs will put in the connection with assistance from Edgartown if needed.

**Pump Station Pressure Control Modification:**

The cost of modifying 3 pump stations and to get 2 pressure valves, which will enable the stations to run if the tank is offline and Oak Bluffs is unable to connect with Edgartown, would be \$16,750.00.

**Pending Well Service- Lily Pond:**

Peter Maher, Maher Services, is authorized to do repairs on Lily Well. Sheriffs Meadow and Con Com have approved site modifications if needed. Mr. Maher will run a camera down the well during repairs to see if the well needs to be cleaned.

**KOH Conversion:**

Paul Cote, Tata & Howard, is working on the engineering needed for the KOH conversion approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Herbicide Application Letter:**

A letter from Mr. Chapman was sent to the Board of Selectmen, Con Com and Pam Dolby. The letter addressed the use of herbicide applications at the solar panel site. The DEP sanitary survey recommend not to use any herbicide applications, whether it is on the safe list or not, to control vegetation at the solar panel site.

**Con-Com Approval for Well Rehab if Required:**

The Con Com has given their approval, with stipulations, to have Lily Pond Well cleaned in the event that the well needs to be cleaned.

**Capital Plan:**

Three articles have been submitted for the annual town meeting:

\$60,000.00 standard article/water distribution improvements

\$40,000.00 for a replacement truck

\$3,000.00 for a ride-on mower/lawn tractor

Mr. Burke motioned to approve all three articles. Mr. Kelleher seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Operating Budget Request:**

Mr. Lovewell motioned to pay off the Standpipe bond in 20 years instead of 40 years. The motion was not seconded.

The operating budget needs to be entered into Munis by 12/15/2015.

Tabled to next meeting.

**Job Description Review:**

In process.

**Backwards Meter Penalty:**

A \$45.00 fee (1 hour of labor) is being charged to homeowners who have their meters installed backwards. There has been a problem with backwards meters from them being removed and drained for winterization by plumbers and homeowners. Backwards meters cause problems with billing and is time consuming to have the department go and correct the meter. The meters will be painted when turned around to prevent them being installed incorrectly.

**Abatement- Harborside Inn**

There are two accounts that the Harborside Inn would like an abatement on. Both accounts will become inactive.

This matter needs to be looked at more closely. Tabled to next meeting.

**Other Business:**

The position that was left vacant when Thomas Hermann resigned is funded but not filled. Mr. Chapman would like to keep the position funded at this time.

The roof at Wintucket is not able to be completed at this time. The low bidder is willing to wait to next fall and replace the roof for the same price.

A discussion was held about a water main extension project that is being requested to be done by a homeowner.

**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

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James E. Kelleher, Chairman

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