

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of March 11, 2014

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

EWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Fred R. Domont, Water Superintendent
Mr. Shane Ben David, Foreman
Lindsey Mercier, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS:

Paul Cote, Tata & Howard
Helen Pottle, Tata & Howard

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kelleher at 4:03pm

Minutes:

Mr. Lovewell motioned to approve the minutes from February 11, 2014 commissioners meeting.
Mr. Kelleher seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Standpipe / Paul Cote:

Paul Cote stated that the Oak Bluffs standpipe is now running off the Edgartown standpipe. It was a rocky beginning with the system trying to figure out ways for the water to get to Oak Bluffs. There was a fire drill and a house fire also on the day the gate was opened. These events

created a lot of turbulence which created some rusty water. The Edgartown hydrants were flushed the following day which helped clear up the water.

Paul Coted said the tank level from the Edgartown tank goes to the Oak Bluffs tank and activates their pumps. They are starting and stopping on the same elevation as Edgartown's. Mr. Lovewell was concerned about the standpipe overflowing. Mr. Ben David stated there are alarms in place that will alert him when the tank gets to a certain level and he can respond before the tank overflows.

Paul Coted said that he is working with Mr. Domont and Mr. Ben David on completing the Rural Development application. It should be completed within a week or so. That will put Edgartown in for funding this fall to paint the standpipe.

Department Assistant:

Mr. Ben David supplied a job description for the job of department assistant, currently held by Sheila Ben David. There is a copy of an old description and a current one that has had some revisions. Once the commissioners okay the changes it can be presented to the Personnel board for an upgrade of the Department Assistant position.

Oak Bluffs Tie-In:

The gate between Edgartown and Oak Bluffs was opened February 5, 2014. The gate will remain open during the duration of the painting of the Oak Bluffs Standpipe.

Superintendent Position:

Mr. Lovewell drafted an advertisement for the Superintendent position that will open up when Mr. Domont retires in April. A job description was also provided to the commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Employee:

Cody Chandler has been hired for the laborer position. Mr. Ben David is pleased with his work to date.

Oak Bluffs Tank Painting:

Paul Cote brought the bid prices from Oak Bluffs to give a general idea as to what the costs might be to paint Edgartown's standpipe. The tank has been drained and the job needs to be completed by mid May.

Oak Bluffs is ready to reciprocate and allow Edgartown to run off their standpipe while Edgartown's standpipe is being painted. Mr. Ben David would like to have a second tie-in at Major's Cove. It would give a second feed line in case any issues arise and it would help with the water flow. He would like this done before Edgartown begins to run off Oak Bluffs standpipe. Oak Bluffs has agreed to do the tapping, gate and sleeve and bring the pipe across to the town line.

Future of Meshacket:

Subject has been tabled for a future meeting.

Chair Lift to Basement:

Mr. Lovewell would like to have a chair lift added for ease of access to the basement. Paul Cote is going to inquire about the possibility of using the basement as storage.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lovewell motioned, Mr. Burke seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:40pm.

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