

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of November 10, 2014

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, Chief Operator/ Assistant Superintendent
Mr. William Chapman, Superintendent

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kelleher at 4:07 pm

Minutes:

Mr. Lovewell motioned to approve minutes from the meeting of October 14, 2014. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Standpipe Painting:

There are a few more items that are needed for the application. Mr. Chapman is working on getting those items. The Water Department is hoping to have the Standpipe painted in the spring 2015. Mr. Ben David stated that Oak Bluffs is ready to have Edgartown run off their Standpipe.

Mr. Burke has heard that the Town would like to use the standpipe to put up antennas. There are concerns about having an antenna on the standpipe. Mr. Lovewell stated that he would not support an antenna being on the tank unless they are Municipal antennas.

CPC Committees:

Mr. Lovewell just wanted to clear up that there are two CPC's. The first is the Community Preservation Committee and the second is the Capital Program Committee.

Mr. Ben David has submitted an application to the Community Preservation Committee to receive funds to rehab the old Wintucket pump station.

Land Bank & New Well:

Mr. Lovewell wanted to inform Mr. Chapman of a plan in the near future to approach the land bank about putting a well on Penney Wise Preserve.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gaines Way/ Communication with other Town Departments:

The Highway Department is going to be repaving Gaines way in the spring 2014. Mr. Ben David would like to renew the old 2 inch water main. A 6 inch main would be installed.

The Highway Department in the past has contacted the Water Department when paving is going to be done. Mr. Ben David is going to contact Stuart Fuller about giving plenty of notice when paving is going to be done in the event that the Water Department can make improvements at the same time.

Abatements:

Jim Chirgwin requested an abatement due to an on property leak that resulted in a higher than average water bill. Mr. Lovewell motion to give a 30% abatement on the water usage charge which would be \$118.43. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Timothy Baird requested an abatement due to a higher than average water bill. Mr. Ben David went out to the property and it was found that have a leak in the pipe that runs to the shed. Mr. Burke motioned to give a 30% abatement on the water usage charge which would be \$36.75. Mr. Lovewell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Standpipe Property:

Tim Connelly, an abutter to the Standpipe property, has been encroaching on the water department property and on another abutter's property. Mr. Ben David has spoken with him and posted signs. Mr. Connelly has removed his property. Mr. Kelleher suggested the possibility of a fence.

Articles:

There are two articles to be submitted, with the Commissioners approval, for the annual town meeting. One is for \$35,000.00, the cost of a new truck and the second one is for \$60,000.00 to be used if needed for water main rehabilitation. Mr. Lovewell motioned for approval of both of the Articles, Mr. Burke seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5 yr & 1 yr Plans for Water Department:

This will be revisited at a future meeting

Payroll Slips:

Payroll slips will be signed by the Water Commissioners at the monthly meetings. Mr. Chapman will look them over before being sent to Town Hall. Mr. Burke motioned to pre-sign payroll slips, Mr. Lovewell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

The Commissioners welcomed William Chapman, the new Water Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lovewell motioned, Mr. Burke seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm.

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