

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of December 9, 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 4:00 pm

Minutes:

Mr. Lovewell motioned to approve minutes from the meeting of November 10, 2014. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Gaines Way Water Main Extension & Other Projects:

Mr. Ben David has a small list of projects to be completed this winter. Gaines Way water main extension will happen in the spring.

Tank Funding Status:

All the paperwork will be sent to Paul Cote and Ron Koontz tomorrow 12/10/2014. Mr. Lovewell wants the standpipe painted first and then as a separate project construct a chlorination house. He would like to have two separate contracts for this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cape Cod Commission:

Mr. Lovewell questioned if anyone had gone to the Cape Cod Commission meeting. Nobody attended the meeting. Mr. Chapman read the report and the meeting was going to pertain to ponds and not groundwater and did not feel it pertained to the water department.

Budget:

A copy of the budget was provided to the commissioners. Mr. Chapman went over some of the changes on how the budget was being broken down into more detail. Mr. Chapman will be meeting with the Finance committee on December 16, 2014.

Evaluations:

Eric Hathaway and Tom Hermann had their yearly evaluations completed.

Proposed Abatement Policy / Abatements

Thomas Folliard requested an abatement on his base rate for two accounts that he has. The water has been turned off since 11/22/2013. The home is under construction and the water will not be turned on in the near future. Mr. Burke motioned to approve the abatements, Mr. Lovewell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chapman has a policy that he has used in the past. He would calculate the amount of the usage charge that was attributed to the leak and abate 50% of that amount. A letter would then be sent explaining the process and the amount of the abatement and explain that it was a onetime refund and future requests would not be granted.

This topic will be revisited at the January 13, 2015 meeting.

Utility Easements & Approval:

This will be revisited at a future meeting

Pump Station Repairs:

Mr. Ben David brought to Mr. Chapman's attention a problem at the Quenimica pump station. The pump kept failing. Mr. Ben David and Mr. Chapman troubleshooted the problem and they got the station running. A/D instruments have been contacted to come and fix the issue with the pump.

UCMR3 Testing:

The water department was notified by the EPA that we are not compliant with the UCMR3 testing. The water department received an extension to get the testing done by the end of 2015. There is a lab in Illinois that will be doing the testing.

Recall Service for Explorer:

A recall notice for the Explorer has been received. It will take about an hour to fix. It has to do with the steering. Mr. Chapman will take the car home with him one night, have the repair done and then bring the car back.

Other Business:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lovewell motioned, Mr. Burke seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 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