

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of September 11, 2012

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mr. James E. Kelleher, Chairman
Mr. Robert L. Burnham, Water Commissioner
Mr. John S. Lovewell, Water Commissioner

EWD STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS:

Bill Veno, MV Commission
Robert Green, By-Ways

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kelleher at 4:05pm

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the meetings held on March 13, April 13, May 8, July 10 and August 14 were given to the Commissioners for review, will be voted on at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Proposed Wintucket/State Forest Land Exchange:

Mr. Domont stated he had sent the commissioners an email with the latest status. Mr. Lovewell stated he would like for Mr. Burnham and Mr. Domont to go to Boston. Mr. Domont suggested the Chairman go and Mr. Burnham stated he would be willing to accompany him. Mr. Lovewell made a motion to have Barbini draft a plan. Mr. Domont feels that it is premature at this stage. Mr. Lovewell stated that the commissioners needed to vote on which land they wanted to swap and the only way they could do that was to have a plan. Mr. Domont wants to see how much

land the state could possibly give us before it is decided how much land the Water Department gives up. Mr. Domont feels that we shouldn't spend money on a plan until they have a feel as to how the state is going to react. Mr. Lovewell has drawn up a rough plan and it was decided that that is what will be used to propose the plan. Mr. Lovewell reminded the commissioners he had made a motion and wanted to know if anyone had seconded it. The motion was not seconded.

Standpipe Paint Project / Oak Bluffs Tie-In:

An ad has been placed in the MV Times and MV Gazette and three engineers have been contacted. The proposals are due October 8, 2012. Mr. Lovewell would like to have some improvements added to the tank that include an inflow pipe that discharges at the surface, and some sort of chlorination piping system to disinfect.

Mr. Ben David found a valve that is usable so Oak Bluffs does not need to put in a valve and the water department knows how to flush the system of stagnant water between Edgartown and Oak Bluffs. The valve is located just past Dodgers Hole. The valve was put in when the water main was extended. If Edgartown ties in to Oak Bluffs the water department can use the hydrant closest to Dodgers hole to flush the system. Mr. Domont said the pipe is in stock so there will be no cost for it and he spoke with Tom, the superintendent in Oak Bluffs, and that an 8 inch tie-in was going to be added between Majors Cove and Dodgers Hole. Mr. Domont would feel more comfortable with more than one pipe. Once that is complete, with the permission of Oak Bluffs, the water would be purified, then the gate would be opened and run off of Oak Bluffs system for a determined number of days and see how it goes.

SCADA:

Prior to the meeting Mr. Lovewell sat in with Chief Operator, Shane Ben David, who went over how the SCADA system works. There was nothing to discuss at this time.

Personnel Board:

A letter was received from the Personnel Board in response to a letter sent from the Water Commissioners inquiring about a rejected evaluation. The letter does not answer the question that was asked about why the Superintendents evaluation, done by Mr. Lovewell, was rejected.

Mr. Lovewell stated that the letter was rubbish. Mr. Domont agrees. Mr. Kelleher wants to know why Mr. Lovewell's review was rejected. Mr. Kelleher will contact Paul Moreau from the Personnel Board to get an answer.

Mr. Burnham made a motion for the Water Department to hold a healthy workplace seminar. Mr. Lovewell seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Domont stated he would not attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Veno- Walking Trails:

Mr. Veno arrived at 4:15pm to talk about adding walking trails on the Wintucket property. Mr. Domont started that he spoke with Mr. Veno and arranged a meeting where himself, Mr. Veno and Mr. Ben David walked the land. The three of them have come up with ideas that might work with the approval of the Commissioners. Mr. Veno stated that any permission given by the Water Department to put in walking trails would be at the department's discretion and could be revoked at any time. It is not a lease and it is non-binding, it is just an agreement. Mr. Veno handed out diagrams of the Wintucket property labeled where he would like potential trails. The trails would be for use of the public during daylight hours. One of the potential trails would pass through a Zone 1. Mr. Domont advised the commissioners not to do much until they decide what the land use is going to be. Mr. Domont suggests just using the ancient ways for paths. Mr. Domont's major concern is motorized vehicles being used, horses, etc and the impact it will have on the land and possibly the water supply especially in the Zone 1. Mr. Domont is leery allowing the public near the pump stations. Mr. Burnham agrees that no paths should be added at this time. Mr. Lovewell motioned to take the trail proposal under advisement and end the discussion. Mr. Burnham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Letter to Adam Darack- IT Department:

The Commissioners would like a letter sent to Adam Darack inquiring whether or not an audit of the Water Departments computers needs to be completed. If an audit needs to be done, a time will be set for Adam to perform the audit.

Auditor:

Mr. Domont will hire a CPA to look at the USDA funds that were spent between FY04 and FY12. Mr. Burnham motioned not to exceed \$4,000.00 on hiring a CPA. Mr. Lovewell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Shurtleff Station Buildings:

Mr. Burnham inquired what the buildings were being used for. Mr. Burnham and Mr. Lovewell would like to have the building demolished if they are not being used. A discussion was had as to what it would entail to demolish the buildings as it contains asbestos. It was decided this would be revisited at the November meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Personnel Board has an agenda posted on the Town of Edgartown website that contains the matter of reviewing the Assistant Superintendent and Office Assistant pay grades. It was decided that Mr. Kelleher and Mr. Burnham will attend the meeting on September 12, 2012 at 1:00pm.

A retirement party is being held for Ralph Case, who is retiring after 40 yrs, on September 21, 2012 at the Water Department from 12pm – 4pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lovewell motioned, Mr. Burnham seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Mercier
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

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