

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of October 09, 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:

Affordable Housing Committee members:

Mark Hess
Janet Hathaway
Christine Brown
Tim Rush

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kelleher at 4:10pm

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the meetings held on March 13, April 13, May 8 and August 14 were approved.

Old Business:

Land Bank Trails Request:

Mr. Domont stated a letter from the Land Bank had been received and copies had been given to the Commissioners. Mr. Burnham stated that he wasn't fond of the idea of trails being added to the Wintucket property other than the one along the West Tisbury road. Mr. Domont agreed.

Standpipe Paint Project / Proposals:

The Water Department received three proposals for the engineering of the Standpipe painting. They were from Haley & Ward, Tata & Howard and Environmental Partners. Tata & Howard was the only proposal that included a figure for costs. Mr. Domont pointed out that Paul Cote, from Tata & Howard, was the engineer for the new office building and painting of the standpipe previously and that the paint used has lasted 20 years. The commissioners will take the proposals under advisement and have a special meeting the following week to award the contract.

SCADA:

Prior to the meeting Mr. Lovewell sat in with Chief Operator, Shane Ben David, and they went over the SCADA system. Mr. Lovewell and Mr. Ben David have some ideas for improvements that will be discussed at the November meeting.

Shurtleff Property:

Mr. Lovewell had an ad from the MV Times pertaining to what the Town of Edgartown is doing with the selling of the Warren house that he found very informative. The Town is not using a real estate agent. If the Shurtleff property ends up being sold Mr. Lovewell expressed that he would like to use a real estate agent

USDA Funds / Auditor:

USDA has denied a request for a two month extension on using the USDA funds. Mr. Domont will file an appeal.

Mr. Domont attempted to hire an auditor for the USDA fund discrepancy but the gentleman he contacted was retired. Mr. Domont got the name of David Russell, who has a consulting firm, but is not an auditor. Mr. Russell specializes in utility finances. Mr. Russell sent a proposal to come and work for Edgartown if the Commissioners chose so. Mr. Kelleher has a problem with fact that Mr. Russell is not an accountant. Mr. Burnham would also like to see an accountant being used. Mr. Kelleher and Mr. Burnham would like Mr. Domont to find an accountant with town experience.

Personnel Board Meeting: Asst. Superintendent & Dept. Assistant Positions:

Mr. Domont received an e-mail from the Personnel Board that there is a meeting tomorrow 10/10/2012. Mr. Kelleher asked if a packet with comparable salaries for the positions had been put together. Mr. Ben David said a packet had been put together but he still needed to make some phone calls. Mr. Domont requested that the Commissioners not discuss his personnel issues. He stated that his issues were discussed at their last meeting. Mr. Kelleher stated he was discussed but it pertained to why Mr. Domont's evaluation was not approved. Mr. Domont stated that he could not be discussed if he was not present. Mr. Burnham and Mr. Kelleher will go to the meeting at 1:00pm. Mr. Burnham expressed his displeasure at only receiving a day's notice of the meeting and would like to request a meeting on this issue at the Personnel Board next meeting. Ms. Mercier will contact the Personnel Board in the morning to notify them that a one day notice was not sufficient for the Commissioners to attend and that would like to request another meeting as soon as possible with sufficient notice being given.

NEW BUSINESS:

No Show Fee:

The Commissioners discussed changing the no show fee from \$20.00 to \$45.00. The fee will be charged to the homeowner. Mr. Burnham motioned to have the no show fee changed from \$20.00 to \$45.00, Mr. Lovewell seconded and was voted unanimously.

Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee:

Mark Hess, Chairman of the Affordable Housing committee (AHC), would like to make the commissioners aware of plans and to discuss some possible options for the property at Meshacket. The Town, last year, approved a nine acre property next to the old Water Department building for zoning for affordable housing. The AHC would like to work with the Water Department over the next couple of years on some ideas for the property. Janet Hathaway pointed out that this was just in the planning stages. The AHC is looking for ways to enter and exit the property. The AHC is looking to share a driveway. Mr. Domont pointed out the existing driveway is partially on somebody else's property. If the driveway was to be moved, maybe in a joint effort, Mr. Domont sees no problem with sharing. The commissioners stated they are will to work with the AHC. At 4:20pm the members of the AHC departed.

Letter from Stuart Fuller:

Stuart Fuller submitted a letter commending Phillip Levesque on his courtesy while driving.

Minutes Format:

The Commissioners agreed to keep the minute's format the same as it has been.

Water Commissioner as Land Bank Representative:

Mr. Kelleher will be the Land Bank representative for the Water Department.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Amendments from April 13, 2012 meeting minutes:

Mr. Lovewell brought to attention three topics missing out of the April minutes. Shurtleff/Nunnipog land swap, subdivide Meshacket property and Wintucket / State Forest swap. Mr. Lovewell remember that it was agreed that when Nunnepog land was shown on the assessors map then the land swap would be worked on so that Shurtleff could be sold. Mr. Lovewell stated he made a motion to subdivide Meshacket and that it was not seconded and lastly Wintucket/State Forest land swap is an ongoing discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Burnham motioned, Mr. Lovewell seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Mercier
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
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