

**Minutes of the**  
**Regular Meeting of November 13, 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  
Lindsey Mercier, Administrative Assistant

**Meeting Called to Order:**

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

**Old Business:**

**Shurtleff Property:**

John Lovewell had an article about the sale of the Warren House. Mr. Lovewell would like to put it on file for future reference. Mr. Kelleher asked who the real estate agent was; Mr. Lovewell informed him there was no agent. Mr. Lovewell stated that he was still waiting for the Shurtleff property to be shown on the assessors map.

**Oak Bluffs Tie-In:**

Mr. Domont sent a letter and diagram to Tom, the Oak Bluffs Water Superintendent, informing of our project to paint the standpipe and the hope that Oak Bluffs would be willing to let Edgartown use their standpipe while the project is being completed. Mr. Domont informed the commissioners that Tom would be leaving Oak Bluffs in the next 2 days. Mr. Kelleher inquired why he was leaving and Mr. Domont stated that the Oak Bluffs water commissioners did not renew his contract. Mr. Domont said he would be moving on with the same request with whoever fills the superintendent position.

**Mill Hill Standpipe:**

Mr. Domont spoke with USDA about the standpipe. He informed them that there was \$70,000.00 set aside for this project and after he spoke with the commissioners he could give the engineer the go ahead to start putting together a package/application for the USDA. Mr. Domont stated the only risk with that is the town has not voted to borrow the money for the project. Mr. Domont said he could not image it not passing since it had to be done. Mr. Lovewell stated there was not a meeting scheduled until April 2013. An article will be submitted for the painting of the standpipe, it has to be submitted by November 27, 2012. Paul Cote, the engineer from Howard & Tata, will be at the next meeting on December 11, 2012 to discuss and sign a contract.

A neighbor of the standpipe has done some cutting on Water Department land. Mr. Domont thinks he was confused as to whose land the tree was on. Mr. Domont cleared up the property line for him. The neighbor would like another tree cut down. Mr. Domont informed him he would have to make the request in writing or come to a meeting and submit the request to the commissioners for approval. Mr. Domont and Mr. Ben David returned to the property and noticed some brush had been cut even after he was informed not to do any more cutting. The police have been notified.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Letter sent from Haley & Ward:**

A letter was sent from Haley & Ward thanking us for the opportunity to submit a proposal to plan and oversee the repainting of the Mill Hill standpipe.

**Abatement Request – John Savage:**

An abatement request was sent in by John Savage of 17 Bold Meadow Ln. In May Mr. Savage's plumber turned the main valve on the house several weeks prior to the Savage's return to the island. When Mr. Savage arrived on island he discovered a pipe had broken in his basement which caused flooding. Mr. Savage is requesting a 30% abatement of his usage charges. The

usage charges were 385.75. A 30% abatement would decrease the water bill by 115.73. Mr. Burnham motioned to grant the 30% abatement, Mr. Lovewell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Animal Shelter Oil Spill:**

50 gallons of heating fuel leaked from the tank at the animal shelter at the cremation building. Mr. Domont has been keeping an eye on the clean up because it is in the zone 2 of our Lily Pond well area. The DEP is involved. The hydrologist that was hired used to work for the DEP in Boston. The well has not been taken off line but has been put at the bottom and would only be used if all others pump stations fail. Mr. Burnham inquired whether it would be in our best interest to sink a monitor well. Mr. Domont said there was no need that the animal shelter is responsible to put one in. Mr. Domont stated that it is part of the clean up process, a monitoring well needs to be put in at the spill site and also half way between the public well and spill site. Mr. Domont and Mr. Ben David have been monitoring the cleanup.

**Budget:**

Mr. Domont asked the commissioners if there was anything they wanted or needed to put in the budget to please let him know. The budget deadline is December 10, 2012. A special meeting will be held on December 4, 2012 at 4pm to review the budget before it is submitted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Personnel Board is meeting tomorrow. Mr. Burnham and Mr. Kelleher will be attending the meeting to discuss the Water Departments review of job classifications for Mr. Ben David and Shelia Ben David, office assistant.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Burnham motioned, Mr. Lovewell seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Mercier  
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

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James E. Kelleher, Chairman

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Robert L. Burnham, Water Commissioner

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