

**Minutes of the**  
**Regular Meeting of October 13, 2020**

**WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Scott Ellis - Chairman  
James Kelleher, Commissioner  
David Burke, Commissioner

**EWD STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. William Chapman, Superintendent  
Mr. Shane Ben David

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Ellis at 3:05 pm

**Minutes:**

Mr. Burke motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 8, 2020. Mr. Ellis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Mill Hill Tank Issues:**

The work at the Mill Hill Standpipe is nearly complete, with a balance of \$38, 822.72. Mr. Chapman suggested that we look into pressure washing the tank to remove the accumulated growth, should the quotes come in at a decent price. Quotes will be obtained by the next meeting.

The Sheriff's Department had previously come before the Board with a proposal to alter / upgrade the emergency communication equipment at the Mill Hill Tank. It was mentioned that they have opted for an alternative site.

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Discussion was held in regards to a property owner abutting the property of the Mill Hill Standpipe. The property includes an easement to the Water Department, with a water main within that easement. The soil covering the water main has been excavated to create a parking

area and to widen the driveway of the property. Mr. Chapman will meet with Town Counsel to draft a letter to have the soil replaced and the ground returned to original grade.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Capital Plan:**

The Capital Plan was presented to the Board for review. Mr. Chapman recommended that for FY 22, only two articles be funded. One article will be the standard water system improvement article and the other to secure funds for well development. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the Capital Plan, seconded by Mr. Burke. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Mill Hill Standpipe:**

Mr. Chapman mentioned that Paul Howard of Tata & Howard has asked for additional funds to cover losses incurred by the Mill Hill Standpipe rehabilitation project. Rather than appear before the Board, it was suggested that Mr. Howard submit a letter for the Board to review and decide on the validity of the request.

### **PFAS Sampling:**

In order to comply with new regulations from MassDEP, we will start sampling for PFAS in the 2021 sampling schedule. If samples are collected now, MassDEP will cover the cost and they will count towards our first round of samples. Mr. Chapman suggested that we seek assistance with the collection of the first round of samples. Mr. Chapman and Mr. Ben David would then determine if future samples could be collected in-house.

### **Other Business:**

### **Operational Report:**

- Water Department facilities were mowed and trimmed.
  - Several fire hydrants were trimmed, painted and inspected.
  - Two water services were installed.
  - Meter readings were completed for the second billing cycle of the calendar year. ●
- The doors at the Wintucket Pumping Station were replaced.
- The Mill Hill Standpipe project was finally completed. Final repairs, internal cleaning and inspection, and the replacement of a faulty mixer were addressed.

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- In accordance with regulatory requirements, fourth quarter samples were collected and analyzed.
- Four water services were installed.

- The Water Department signed up for a sampling incentive offered by MassDEP to sample our wells for PFAS. Completing this program is at no cost to the department and will qualify for the first round (baseline) to meet the revised regulations.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Burke motioned, Mr. Kelleher seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William Chapman  
Superintendent

**APPROVED:**

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN**

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James Kelleher, Commissioner

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Scott Ellis, Water Chairman

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David Burke, Water Commissioner