

**Minutes of the**  
**Regular Meeting of September 14, 2021**

**WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**EWD STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. William Chapman  
Mr. Shane Ben David

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Burke at 3:02 pm

**Minutes:**

Mr. Ellis motioned to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2021 meetings. Mr. Burke seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Potassium Hydroxide Update:**

None of the wells need to be worked on this year. Lily pond will be the first well to be switched over. If possible, a second well will be converted in the spring.

**Munis Article-Vote to abandon project:**

Mr. Burke motioned to abandon the Munis article and return the funds to retained earnings. Kelleher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Heating Project Update:**

There is no update. Mr. Chapman is still waiting to hear from Rise Engineering.

**PFAS Sample Requirements:**

Four consecutive samples are needed. Compliance with the new regulation begins in October. Samples collected in December 2020 will count for the first round of sampling. All wells have been determined to be free of PFAS.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Review Town Counsel Opinion- Rates/Billing Rights:**

The 41C and the Veterans discount can not be given because we are a utility.

Mr. Burke motioned, per Town Counsel's opinion, that discounted rates can no longer be offered. Ellis seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A letter will be sent to those affected customers prior to this change taking effect and to provide alternative means to seek financial relief.

**Sanitary Survey Results:**

The Water Department received a very good evaluation from MassDEP. It was recommended that an operational manual be prepared prior to the next inspection.

**Municipal Water Department Salary Survey Discussion:**

The Water Commissioner would like to send a letter to the Personnel board to recommend a compensation study for the water department.

**Other Business:**

- Water for the new Boy's and Girl's club will come from a main that will be extended through the Edgartown Cemetery. If constructed, this main may be extended to be looped to Beetle Swamp Rd to improve fire flows and water quality.

**Operational Report:**

- Four water services were installed, with several more applications for service reviewed.

- As per the sampling schedule issued by MassDEP, the required quarterly samples were collected and transferred to a lab to be analyzed.
- Water Department facilities were mowed. Annual brush mowing was completed.
- Both Quenomica and Wintucket wells were affected by a phase drop in the power supply. As a result of the protective devices installed, neither experienced any damage, with both pumping stations operational on the same day.
- An ongoing project, several fire hydrants were inspected and painted.
- The last of our operational computers was upgraded and synced to our S.C.A.D.A. and state reporting software.
- The air conditioner system at the Water Department office was repaired.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Burke motioned, Mr. Kelleher seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Mercier  
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

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James Kelleher, Commissioner

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Scott Ellis, Commissioner

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David Burke, Chairman