

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of October 12, 2021

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Scott Ellis, Commissioner
James Kelleher, Commissioner

EWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. William Chapman
Mr. Shane Ben David

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Ellis at 3:10 pm

Minutes:

Mr. Kelleher motioned to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2021 meeting. Mr. Ellis seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

MUNIS Article Status

The funds from the abandoned Munis article have now been restored back to retained earnings.

M.G.L. C. 41, Sec 69B

With the Commissioners approval, Mr. Chapman will submit an article at the next town meeting to adopt M.G.L. C. 41, Sec 69B.

NEW BUSINESS:

ISO Report Review

Although the Water Department rated well on this report, according to Mr. Chapman the department should have rated better because the report was based on out dated information. He has sent the information to the state and is working on getting that rating corrected based on the current information.

Update on Water Main Project

A water main extension was recently installed, chlorinated and pressured tested with a fire hydrant at the end, for five lots that were previously the Mattakesett Tennis Courts.

Katama Airport Water Service

The Water Department will extend a 2” water main with a 1” service to the new hanger at the Katama Airport, which is owned by the Town of Edgartown.

Operational Report:

- Five water services were installed, with several more applications for service reviewed.
- Water Department facilities were mowed.
- An ongoing project, several fire hydrants were inspected and painted
- The Parco Valves at all pumping stations received their annual service.
- Monthly bacteriological samples were collected and analyzed.
- Water meters were read, with invoices scheduled to be sent in the middle of October.
- A water main extension for Ogden Way was reviewed.
- A water main was installed at the site of the old tennis courts in Katama.

OTHER BUSINESS

Budget & Articles

On the agenda for next month’s meeting will be an article for a new truck, which was deferred from last year. Mr. Chapman will also propose another article for \$20,000 to supplement the budget for unexpected expenditures, only if necessary.

Energy Committee

Allen from the Energy Committee asked if we could include information about their energy survey on the next water bill. The Water Commissioners decided it would be better not to allow it since it’s not official Water Department business and they should probably pursue other options such as putting it on the town website.

Water Rates

We have been advised by Town Counsel that we can no longer offer the veteran’s discount or the 41C exemption discount on the water bills. A letter will be mailed out with the October bills to the water customers impacted by this change. This will be reflected on the April 2022 water bills.

Salary Compensation Survey

The Water Commissioners signed a letter to the Personnel Board requesting a salary compensation survey for the Water Department so that the salaries may be more comparable with the other water systems on the island. Mr. Chapman will deliver the letter and provide a copy to Human Resources.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Ellis motioned, Mr. Kelleher seconded and the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Ben David
Department Assistant

APPROVED:

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN**

James Kelleher, Commissioner

Scott Ellis, Water Commissioner

David Burke, Water Chairman