

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of December 12, 2023

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mr. Scott Ellis, Chair
Mr. James Kelleher
Mr. David Burke

EWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. William Chapman
Shane Ben David

Invited Guests:

Reade Kontje Milne, Building Inspector

Meeting Called to Order:

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Minutes:

Mr. Ellis motioned to approve the minutes of November 14, 2023, Mr. Burke seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Continued Staffing Discussions

Mr. Burke would like to implement a policy for the process of hiring new employees. Discussion is tabled for now to be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of old office building with Building Department

Reade, Building Inspector, would like to use the old office building on Meshacket Rd. as a new office space for the Building Department. Currently the Water Department is using the building for storage until a new garage is built. The Commissioners agreed to take it under advisement and to be discussed at a later time.

Review/Approve FY25 Operating Budget

Mr. Chapman presented the FY25 Operating Budget to the Commissioners for their review. Mr. Ellis motioned to approve the FY25 Operating Budget, Mr. Burke seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

Review/Approve 2024 A.T.M. Article

-Vote to authorize EWD & Wastewater, to compensate employees with an annual stipend, with licenses not required by their job description. Mr. Burke made one change to add the term "that benefits the town". Mr. Kelleher motioned to accept the article for the 2024 A.T.M., with the changes, Mr. Ellis seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

Operational Report

- Monthly bacteriological samples were collected and analyzed.
- Two employees were hired, with starting dates in December. This will bring the department back to full staff, a status not seen in a year and a half.
- A water main extension on Milikin Way was completed and in service, adding three fire hydrants to the distribution system.
- Many seasonal water service terminations were completed.
- Grounds maintenance – leaves were cleared from the office area.
- Many faulty meters were repaired / replaced.
- The Mill Hill Standpipe was inspected by divers with no notable deficiencies noted.
- The furnace was replaced at the Water Department Office.
- A chemical delivery for the pump stations was received in preparation for the winter season.
- FY 2025 A.T.M. Articles and Capital Plan were reviewed / approved by the Board of Water Commissioners.
- The bid to maintain / clean Lily Pond Well was awarded to Weston & Sampson, with the work to be completed over the winter season.
- Preparations began for the FY 2025 Operating Budget for the Water Department.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Drought Advisory Task Force

Mr. Chapman attended the Drought Advisory Task Force meeting and was informed Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket are currently under a level 2 drought advisory. Mr. Chapman says there is no reason to be concerned, the well levels in Edgartown are up and pumping is down this time of year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Burke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m., Mr. Ellis seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Ben David
Administrative Assistant

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

Dave Burke, Commissioner

Scott Ellis, Chair

James Kelleher, Commissioner