

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of March 12, 2024

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

EWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. William Chapman

GUEST:

Alex Morrison

Meeting Called to Order:

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Mr. Ellis motioned to approve the minutes of February 14, 2024, Mr. Burke seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hiring Process

The Commissioners don't want to make any changes to the hiring process, but in the future, they would like to be informed prior to hiring any new employees.

Update on Lily Pond Well Project

The well rehab is going well, Weston & Sampson will be back to finish the project on March 17, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crocker Drive/Hillman Drive Water Service

The water service on Map 36, Lot 118 abuts Crocker Drive & Hillman Drive is actually 2 non-conforming lots although it is reflected as only 1 lot in the accessor's map. The owners would like to run a separate service to the front house on the lot that abuts Crocker Drive. Since these are pre-existing non-conforming lots, and there is no water main on Hillman Drive, Mr. Chapman proposes the front lot be allowed to have a new service installed on Crocker Drive. This will put both houses on individual services. Given the circumstances the Water Commissioners agreed that this would be the best solution to have the lots in compliance with the Water Department's Rules & Regulations.

Review ATM Articles

The article to provide compensation for administrative employees acquiring and maintaining valid professional licenses not specifically defined in their job description was approved by the Personnel Board and the article will be on the ATM.

Proposed Water Rate Increase

Mr. Chapman reviewed the proposed water rate increase with the Commissioners. Mr. Kelleher suggested that a 3rd step rate be added to cover the high-water users. The proposed rate increase would be a 20% increase to the base rate charge and a 5% increase to the usage charge with a 3rd step rate added for water usage over 100,000 gallons.

The proposed rates are as follows:

Base Rate semi-annual charge:

5/8 x 3/4" meter - \$180.00

3/4 x 3/4" meter - \$270.00

1" meter - \$450.00

1.5 " meter - \$900.00

Usage Charge (rate per thousand gallons)

1-50,000 gallons \$2.21

51,000 – 100,000 gallons \$2.48

Over 100,000 gallons \$2.75

Mr. Ellis motioned to accept the proposed rate increase, effective October 16, 2024, Mr. Kelleher seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A notice will be going on the April 2024 bills.

Operational Report

January 2024 (2/6/2024)

- Monthly bacteriological samples were collected and analyzed.
- Four water services were installed.
- Chemical feed lines at Wintucket Pumping Station were replaced.
- PFAS6 samples were collected and analyzed. All samples were Non-Detect.
- UCMR5 samples were collected. These samples are unregulated and are an E.P.A. requirement to determine if contaminant regulation is required.
- FY25 budget hearings took place.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Edgartown Inn still has not made corrective actions on their non-conforming services. The Board of Water Commissioners directed the owner, almost a year ago, to make the required revisions prior to May 1, 2024. Mr. Chapman has been in touch with the excavator on that project and hopes this gets resolved soon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Ellis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m., Mr. Kelleher 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