

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of April 9, 2024

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

EWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. William Chapman
Mr. Shane Ben David

GUEST:

Tony Serpa
Reade Kontje Milne, Building Inspector

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Minutes:

Mr. Burke motioned to approve the minutes of March 12, 2024, Mr. Ellis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

12 Milikin Way Service Request

Mr. Serpa is requesting both houses on Milikin Way be allowed to connect to town water with just one service and one meter. The houses are currently on a well with the water coming from the main house to feed the guest house. Mr. Serpa explained that it will be an additional expense for the owner to reconfigure existing plumbing and this lot could never be subdivided. The Water Department Rules & Regulations state a separate service must be installed for each premise and each would have their own meter. Mr. Ellis motioned they need to install a separate service for each building to conform to the rules & regulations. Mr. Burke seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Amend Rules & Regulations

Mr. Ellis motioned to amend the Rules & Regulations, section 30, in regards to termination of service, Mr. Burke seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on unauthorized, unapproved and non-compliant water services

There are two services coming off the Edgartown Inn feeding fire and domestic water service to another building on the same parcel. The owner of the Edgartown Inn, Mr. Hajjar, was informed of this violation in May of 2023 and was given until May 1, 2024 to make these two water lines compliant with the Water Department's Rules and Regulations. In March of 2023, Mr. Chapman received a letter from Mr. Hajjar's attorney stating the rules & regulations were not clear regarding this issue and his client would not be making the changes as required. Mr. Chapman suggested that Ms. Milne revoke the certificate of occupancy due to the violations of the Rules and regulations of the Water Department, incorrect information on the Building Permit

Application and the non-conformance of the terms of the Building Permit Application. Ms. Milne doesn't feel comfortable doing that because she can't find any violation of the building codes, but rather the violation lies with the Water Department Rules & Regulations. Ms. Milne will send a letter to the property owners stating she has been made aware they are in violation of the Water Department's Rules & Regulations and they need to comply. Mr. Ellis requested a copy of that letter. She will also confirm with the sprinkler engineer the configuration of the system takes in account the service to the back building is fed off the front building and will follow up with the Water Commissioners. A hearing with the Water Commissioners, Town Counsel and Mr. Hajjar's attorney will be scheduled for April 25, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Operational Report

- Monthly bacteriological samples were collected and analyzed.
- Five water services were installed.
- The 2023 Annual Statistical Report was completed and submitted.
- The 2023 Consumer Confidence Report was completed and posted.
- Lily Pond Well was rehabilitated and the mechanical components were serviced / replaced. The well is now ready for the rigorous demands of the summer season.
- Water meters were read. Repairs are ongoing for those meters found to be faulty.
- Many backflow devices throughout the town were tested.
- A fire hydrant was replaced on Katama Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Lily Pond Well Project

Lily Pond rehab is complete and running as expected.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Chapman had a meeting with the drought advisory committed and the drought was lifted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Burke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m., Mr. Ellis seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Ben David
Administrative Assistant

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TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

Dave Burke, Commissioner

Scott Ellis, Chair

James Kelleher, Commissioner