

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of May 14, 2024

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

EWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. William Chapman
Mr. Shane Ben David

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 April 9, 2024, Mr. Ellis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Continued discussion on unauthorized, unapproved and non-complaint water services

The construction at 56 North Water Street is scheduled to be completed by May 17th. Once the mina is in service, fire and domestic services may be connected to the rear building of 56 North Water Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elect Chair

Mr. Ellis nominated Mr. Burke as the new chair, Mr. Kelleher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Rules & Regulations

Mr. Chapman recommended that Town Council review the Rules & Regulations, which have been revised and updated several times over the past years. The Commissioners agreed and Mr. Chapman will be sending them to Town Council for review/updating

Exceeding compliance/performance award by regulators

For the ninth consecutive year, the Water Department will receive an award for exceeding compliance and for having one of the top scores of water systems in Massachusetts.

Water Department approval for Building Permit process

Mr. Chapman would like to work to change the current Water Department approval process for the sign off on the building permits. They discussed several options and will re-visit at the next meeting.

Operational Report

- Monthly bacteriological samples were collected and analyzed.
- Five water services were installed.
- Many backflow devices throughout the town were tested.
- Annual fire hydrant flushing was completed.
- A hydrant was relocated on Schoolhouse Road.
- Pumping stations were prepared for the high demands of the summer season.
- A water main was extended on 13th Street South, including the installation of a fire hydrant.
- April water invoices were distributed.
- Many seasonal service activations were completed.
- Many water meters were repaired / replaced.
- Several fire hydrants were painted.
- The drought that was declared in December 2024 was lifted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Ellis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m., Mr. Kelleher seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Ben David
Administrative Assistant

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TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

Dave Burke, Chair

Scott Ellis, Commissioner

James Kelleher, Commissioner