

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of July 09, 2024

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mr. David Burke, Chair
Mr. Scott Ellis

EWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. William Chapman

Meeting Called to Order:

Mr. Burke called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

Minutes:

Mr. Burke motioned to approve the minutes of June 11, 2024, Mr. Ellis seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Burke motioned to approve the minutes of April 25, 2024, Mr. Ellis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Operational Report

- Monthly bacteriological samples were collected and analyzed.
- Five water services were installed.
- Many backflow devices throughout the town were tested.
- Several fire hydrants were painted.
- All facilities were mowed.
- Many backflow tests were conducted.

Sanitary Survey Update

A sanitary survey was conducted by MassDEP. Upon completion of the extensive inspection, we received favorable comments from the regulators.

FY24 Close

Mr. Chapman explained that the FY24 closing is going well and he doesn't expect any problems. He also wanted to thank the staff for their efforts to keep everything running efficiently.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on 56 N. Water St.

This water connection is now complying to the Rules and Regulations. Mr. Chapman stated the attorney fees incurred by the Water Department total \$6,726.00. Mr. Chapman referred to section #28 in the Water Department Rules & Regulations where the legal fees are assessed to the proponents prior to turning on the water. Although the water was already turned on at this property the Commissioners agree that the legal fees should be billed to Mr. Hajjar pending the review and approval of Town Counsel.

After hours non-emergency calls

The Commissioners previously voted that all non-emergency call outs are a 4-hour minimum for the person on call but, they did not decide on a fee to bill the water customers. Mr. Burke motioned to charge a \$350.00 fee for any non-emergency call outs, Mr. Ellis seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

Building permit approval process

Mr. Chapman suggests either a referral process or the building department confirms the service was activated prior to issuing the certificate of occupancy. Mr. Ellis suggested a signature line on the building permit that has to be signed by the Water Department. Mr. Burke suggested that the review this at the next meeting when Mr. Kelleher can attend and then invite the building inspector to the next meeting in September.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Chapman suggested to amend the Rules & Regulations and plans to have the language ready for the Commissioners to review at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Burke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m., Mr. Ellis seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Ben David
Administrative Assistant

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

David Burke, Chair

Scott Ellis, Commissioner

James Kelleher, Commissioner