

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of August 13, 2024

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

EWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. William Chapman

Meeting Called to Order:

Mr. Burke called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Minutes:

Mr. Burke motioned to approve the minutes of July 9, 2024, Mr. Ellis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Revision to the Rules & Regulations

Mr. Chapman suggested wording be added stating that the Rules & Regulations are up to the interpretation, understanding and determination of the Edgartown Board of Water Commissioners. The Commissioners will wait to vote on the additional wording until it is reviewed by Town Council.

Operational Report

- Monthly bacteriological samples were collected and analyzed.
- PFAS samples were collected and submitted for analysis. All results were free from PFAS.
- UCMR5 samples were collected and submitted for analysis. Results are pending.
- Two water services were installed.
- The FY24 Operating Budget was closed without issue.
- Many backflow devices throughout the town were tested.
- Several fire hydrants were painted.
- All facilities were mowed.
- A cyber security assessment was conducted by MassDEP. There were no notable deficiencies but a few suggestions were recommended that may enhance the protection of our operating systems.
- Annual pumping station master meter calibrations were completed.
- A propane line for the auxiliary power at Wintucket Pumping Station was repaired.
- In an ongoing effort, documents were submitted to MassDEP to increase the pumping allotment for the pumping stations.

OLD BUSINESS

Sanitary Survey Update

Mr. Chapman explained to the Commissioners that MassDEP had some confusion during their inspection. We received “conditional capacity” due to their confusion between backflow testing and cross connections surveys. That has since been rectified and Mr. Chapman hopes to get it adjusted to adequate capacity.

FY24 Close

Mr. Chapman gave the Commissioners the updated FY24 budget closing figures, which had changed slightly from the update he gave at the last meeting.

Update on 56 N. Water St.

Tabled for discussion until the next meeting.

Building permit approval process

Mr. Chapman is working on preparing language in the hopes of adding it to the building permit with a signature line so the Water Department can sign off on new permits for primary residence, existing footprint alterations, or a second building with bedroom, bathroom & kitchen. Once Mr. Chapman completes the language they will ask the Building Inspector to come to the next meeting to go over it with her.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Chapman signed the retirement papers for Shane Ben David and his official retirement date is September 10th. For the time being the plan is for Mr. Ben David to return for 3 days a week to continue the duties of the Assistant Superintendent.

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

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TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

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