

Harwich Water Department
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
Meeting on March 4th, 2014

Present: Chairman Allin Thompson, Vice Chairman Danette Gonsalves, Clerk Donald Bates, Superintendent Craig Wiegand, Secretary Tracey Alves, Comptroller Sandra Cummings, Selectman Larry Ballantine

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting held on February 18th, 2014 were approved with a motion by Vice Chairman Gonsalves and seconded by Clerk Bates; 3-0-0.

Superintendent Wiegand apprised the Board with an update regarding the dry fire hydrant on Tucker's Way. He said that Fire Chief Clarke was supposed to meet with Harwich resident Charlie McLaughlin to discuss removing the fire hydrant from Tucker's Way. They have not yet met. The hydrant was installed years ago and has never been connected to town water. Fire Chief Clarke wants the hydrant removed and Mr. McLaughlin would like for it to stay in place. This topic will be readdressed after they meet.

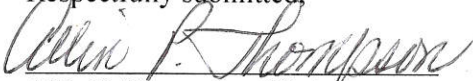
Greg Eldridge of Haley & Ward joined the meeting to give a PowerPoint presentation on future expectations and options for the Lothrop Water Tank. He compared the costs and timelines associated with rehabilitating the Lothrop Tank vs. saving to build a new tank. After hearing all of the options the Board decided to meet on Tuesday, March 11th, 2014 at 8:15 a.m. to review the financials so that a decision on how to proceed can soon be made.

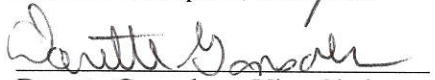
Comptroller Cummings informed the Board that a change would have to be made to the letter to the DEP regarding SRF funding for the Well 10 Project. The project cost went up and in addition to this she explained that there was an error made in the MUNIS Capital Fund. This oversight was made back when \$3.25 million was borrowed for the Bruce Cahoon Water Treatment Facility when \$3.5 million had been authorized. MUNIS was never adjusted to reflect the reduction and the difference of \$250K was never adjusted down which resulted in an erroneous remaining balance. Superintendent Wiegand stated that Comptroller Cummings found this error when she was doing an internal audit. The borrowing amount for the SRF loan will have to increase but the result of this will actually be beneficial to rate payers.

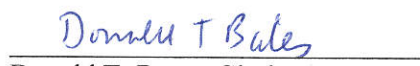
The Board will meet again on Tuesday, April 1st, 2014.

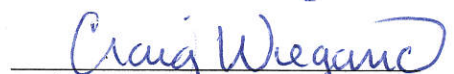
The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. with a motion by Chairman Thompson and a second by Vice Chairman Gonsalves; 3-0-0.


Respectfully submitted,


Allin P. Thompson, Chairman


Danette Gonsalves, Vice Chairman


Donald T. Bates, Clerk


Craig Wiegand, Superintendent


Tracey Alves, Secretary