

Harwich Water Department  
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
Meeting on April 30th, 2014

Present: Chairman Allin Thompson, Vice Chairman Danette Gonsalves, Clerk Donald Bates, Superintendent Wiegand, Secretary Tracey Alves, Senior Billing Administrator Wellesley Marsh, Comptroller Sandra Cummings, Selectman Larry Ballantine

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Chairman Thompson motioned to begin the meeting by addressing the abatement request submitted by Sound Side Court Condo Association for an underground leak at 77 Bank Street. Several residents and associates of the Sound Side Court Condo Association were in attendance. Sr. Billing Administrator Marsh briefed the Board on the specifics of the leak. Multiple condo owners also had their chance to explain to the Board of the occurrence at the property.

Vice Chairman Gonsalves motioned to take the request for abatement under advisement with a second from Chairman Thompson; 3-0-0

The Board discussed the leak at 77 Bank Street. Vice Chairman Gonsalves motioned to deny the abatement request and instead offered Sound Side Court Condo Association the option of setting up a payment plan that could extend for up to one year interest free with no penalties. Chairman Thompson seconded; 3-0-0

Chairman Thompson entertained a motion to adopt both the Executive and Regular session minutes from the meeting held on April 15th, 2014. Vice Chairman Gonsalves moved to accept the minutes with a second from Clerk Bates; 3-0-0

The Well 10 pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Superintendent Wiegand recommended to the Board that a meeting be planned with Capital Outlay, Fin-Com and the Board of Selectmen as one to begin discussing plans for the Lothrop water tank. If this were to happen, everyone would be present and any questions or concerns could be addressed.

Alternative plans will need to be discussed if the additional SRF funding for the Well 10 project is not approved at Town Meeting. If this were the case a rate increase would be necessary to cover costs.

The Board decided that Chairman Thompson would speak at the Town Meeting presentation.

Selectman Ballantine requested clarification on when the monetary amount forgiven through SRF funding for the Well 10 project will be received? Superintendent Wiegand answered by stating that the range of forgiveness will fall between 5-30% which will be deducted from the total debt when the project construction is finalized. Payments will then be made on the lowered debt.

The Damage to Personal Vehicle on Town Property insurance claim will be covered for the Water Department employee whose vehicle got damaged by a meter key in the last snow storm. This employee had been ordered to move his vehicle to the location where it got damaged and this is why the reimbursement for damage request was approved. However, in general, if a vehicle belonging to an employee is damaged when it is parked in its designated area any costs associated with the damage will not be covered.

Superintendent Wiegand would like to meet with the Union more regularly to strengthen the working relationship between Management and the Union.

It was presented at Town Meeting that the approved site for the AT&T cell tower was in zone 1 behind the Water Department. Superintendent Wiegand stated that the plan was to build the cell tower in zone 2. Both zones are on the same parcel of land however Superintendent Wiegand will contact Town Counsel to confirm where the site was intended to go when the plan was viewed originally. It is mandatory for the cell tower plans to go through the Cape Cod Commission for review and approval. The language in the Article states that a portion of the property at 196 Chatham Road in lots 3 & 5 will be designated to building a cell tower site.

A letter from State was received congratulating the Water Department for being one of the top scoring systems but since the Water Department has won so many times previously an award will not be given.

A letter was sent in from a local resident for a job well done on an emergency water service renewal after a leak had been reported at the property.

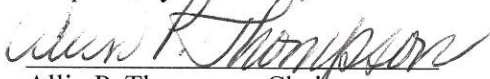
The Town Meeting is at 7:00 pm, next Monday night, May 5, 2014.

There is a meet and greet scheduled to meet the new Assistant Town Administrator later today.

The Board will meet again on Tuesday, May 13th, 2014.


Chairman Thompson motioned to adjourn with a second from 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