

Harwich Water Department
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
Meeting on May 13th, 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 8:17 a.m.

Chairman Thompson entertained a motion to adopt the Minutes from the meeting of April 30th, 2014. Vice Chairman Gonsalves moved to approve the Minutes with a second from Clerk Bates; 3-0-0

The first construction meeting was held for Well 10. It was determined that there may be a lengthy wait of approximately 17 weeks or more for the vessels to come in. The next construction meeting with Winston Builders is coming up on Thursday, May 22nd, 2014.

The SRF Borrower's meeting is on Wednesday, May 21st, 2014.

Superintendent Wiegand is interested in obtaining quotes for how much it will cost to construct a new Lothrop water tank. He would then like to start meeting with the Board of Selectmen, Fin-Com and Capital Outlay to begin discussing the plans.

Merithew Inc. will soon be visiting the Lothrop tank to perform a few repairs that need to be done to the exterior of the tank.

AT&T has proposed for their cell tower site to be placed across from station 4 behind the Water Department. However, AT&T displayed the wrong site location during their presentation at Town meeting.

Sr. Billing Administrator Marsh briefed the Board on the property of 28 Grey Neck Lane, #1 where the owners are challenging a service tamper fine. The fine was applied to this account after a second tampering offense occurred at the property.

Chairman Thompson motioned to enforce the service tamper fine for 28 Grey Neck Lane, #1. Vice Chairman Gonsalves moved to approve this decision with a second from Chairman Thompson; 3-0-0

The Board reviewed a letter received by 77 Bank Street requesting an alternative solution to the denied abatement request for a leak that occurred at the property.

After reconsidering, Chairman Thompson motioned to accept 77 Bank Street's alternative solution as outlined in the letter they sent. Vice Chairman Gonsalves moved to approve this request with a second from Clerk Bates; 3-0-0

T-Mobile would like to upgrade their old communication equipment that is located on the Route 39 water tank. T-Mobile has requested that the Board sign a release form so that they can move forward with this scope of work. The Board signed the release form.

The next Board meeting is on Tuesday, May 27th, 2014 and the Town Administrator will be attending to meet the members of the Board and to see what the meetings are all about.

Vice Chairman Gonsalves would like to take another look at the capital plan when the Board meets again. In addition to a new water tank going in in the future there is also work that will need to be done to the water mains.

Sr. Billing Administrator Marsh informed the Board that the first round of shut-off letters have been sent out. Twenty seven letters were sent.

Selectman Ballantine spoke on the topic of the Muddy Creek Bridge and how DOT is not contributing to the project but they are insisting that the Town installs 2 sidewalks and 2 bike paths along the bridge. This opens up a few issues. Due to the expansion into the wetlands, more environmental review may be triggered. Another issue is having to move all of the right away traffic. Additionally, with all of the extras this project is going to end up being more expensive than anticipated.


Selectman Ballantine also spoke about wastewater and how an inter-municipal agreement with Chatham is being looked at. An issue that will have to be determined is who will control it from the county perspective. Chatham does have enough recharge area to take and keep Harwich's wastewater. Superintendent Wiegand has an issue with this because it will have an impact on how much water can be pumped. Superintendent Wiegand offered the idea that the main coming back from Chatham could be used for irrigation. The Town is also looking at an area of land that they may be interested in buying so that it could possibly be used for a recharge area as well.


The Board will meet again on Tuesday, May 27th, 2014.

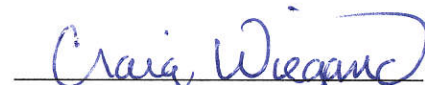
Clerk Bates motioned to adjourn at 9:07 a.m. with a second from Chairman Thompson; 3-0-0

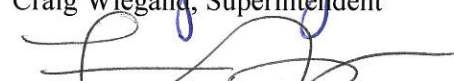
Respectfully submitted,


Allin P. Thompson, Chairman


Danette Gonsalves, Vice Chairman


Donald T. Bates, Clerk


Craig Wiegand, Superintendent


Tracey Alves, Secretary