

Harwich Water Department
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
Meeting on June 10th, 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 8:15 a.m.

Chairman Thompson entertained a motion to adopt the Minutes from the meeting of May 27th, 2014. Vice Chairman Gonsalves moved to approve the Minutes with a second from Clerk Bates; 3-0-0

The Board reviewed an abatement request received by the new property owner of 8 Ryder Road for three late fees that had remained on the account from the previous owner. Details revealed that the sale of the property was a family transaction. The Board advised to let the new owner know that the old owner remains responsible for the balance that they left on the account and the request for abatement was tabled.

The Well 10 project is coming along as planned. The lagoons and slab should be in and done within the next month and a half if the weather co-operates.

The Board reviewed a letter received by the Harwich Conservation Trust. The letter stated that they would like to pursue the goal of trimming and maintaining the woody vegetation by means of hand held tools, in the right-of-way areas located within town-owned conservation land, water department land and Zone 2 contribution areas to municipal water supply wells in an effort to dissuade NSTAR from heavily spraying the area by means of chemical application.

Chairman Thompson voted to accept the proposed goal that was outlined in the letter from the Harwich Conservation Trust with a second from Vice Chairman Gonsalves; 3-0-0

Vice Chairman Gonsalves recommended that NSTAR be sent a letter accompanied by a map notifying them that the Harwich Conservation Trust has volunteered to maintain these town-owned right-of-way areas in an attempt to have NSTAR reduce and possibly cease the use of chemical applications on woody vegetation.

Comptroller Cummings reviewed the 30 year plan with the Board.

In response to reviewing the 30 year plan Selectman Ballantine recommended that because building and maintenance costs come out of the operational budget that it may be helpful if a section could be added into the report which separates capital from operating so that moving forward this fact could be better understood.

The Water Union came up with a tentative date of June 12, 2014 where all of the members will meet to vote and sign their contract.

Superintendent Wiegand mentioned that he would like to have Water Department personnel view the Conflict of Interest seminar that just took place up at the Town Hall on Monday, June 9th, 2014. The seminar was filmed. Selectman Ballantine offered that a DVD copy could be requested so that it could be shown at the Water Department's leisure.

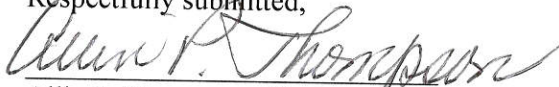
Superintendent Wiegand briefly discussed how he would like to schedule a meeting with Fire Chief Norm Clarke to talk about the possibilities of doing a controlled burn at the Water Department due to many dead trees and thick brush throughout the property. He requested that a letter be sent out to the Fire Chief in regards to this.

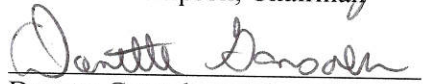
There is another Well 10 construction meeting being held at 10:00 a.m. on June 19th, 2014.

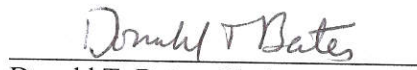
The Board will meet again on Tuesday, June 24th, 2014.

Chairman Thompson motioned to adjourn at 9:02 a.m. with a second from Vice Chairman Gonsalves; 3-0-0

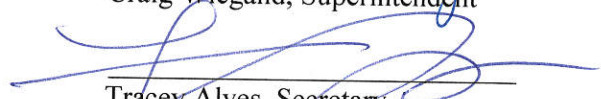
Respectfully submitted,


Allin P. Thompson, Chairman


Danette Gonsalves, Vice Chairman


Donald T. Bates, Clerk


Craig Wiegand, Superintendent


Tracey Alves, Secretary