

Harwich Water Department  
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
Meeting on July 22nd, 2014

Present: Chairman Allin Thompson, Vice Chairman Danette Gonsalves, Clerk Donald Bates, Town Administrator Chris Clark, Selectman Larry Ballantine, Secretary Tracey Alves, Distribution Foreman Steve Hicks

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 July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Vice Chairman Gonsalves moved to approve the Minutes from July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with a second from Clerk Bates; 3-0-0

The Board reviewed the bid tabulations for the FY15 General Water Works Supplies.

Chairman Thompson entertained a motion to Award the Bid for the FY15 General Water Works Supplies to Ferguson Waterworks. Vice Chairman Gonsalves moved to approve the motion with a second from Clerk Bates; 3-0-0

Chairman Thompson entertained a motion to authorize Investigator Leo Peloquin /and or Chairman, in consult, to issue, under the authority of the Water Commissioners any directives they deem necessary to gather information in the ongoing investigation including to any Water Department employee or contractor. Vice Chairman Gonsalves moved to approve this motion with a second by Clerk Bates; 3-0-0

Distribution Foreman Steve Hicks gave a brief overview of current, existing and future Water Department projects. The projects list includes but is not limited to painting hydrants, changing meters and radio readers, replacing main to curb services on Belmont Road, operating and checking gate valves and preparing for the future project of replacing old hydrants.

The hydrant replacement project needs to be done in collaboration with Verizon because there are six telephone poles that will need to be held while the hydrants are replaced. The cost associated with holding a telephone pole is rather steep. Foreman Hicks mentioned that research needs to be done to see whose equipment was there first, the meter or the telephone pole, if it turns out that the hydrants were there first this may be grounds to have the high costs of holding the poles abated. The Board was in favor of doing the research.

Chairman Thompson gave an update on the construction of the Well 10 treatment facility. The project is coming along nicely. The slabs were poured this past week and the project is running right on schedule.

The Board had sent correspondence to NSTAR informing them that the Harwich Conservation Trust had the goal of gathering volunteers to selectively trim vegetation along the right-of-way areas of Conservation and Water Department land in Harwich, MA. This was being done in hopes that NSTAR would eliminate their plan to spray herbicides along the right-of-way land as a means of controlling vegetation growth. NSTAR responded by sending a letter which stated that the work of the volunteers would not eliminate the herbicide application and that pruning the area may even cause the vegetation to grow back at a faster rate. NSTAR offered to arrange for a Senior Arborist to come out and perform a site visit to give an overview of what NSTAR's five year Vegetation Management program entails. The Board is interested in meeting with NSTAR but currently there is no confirmation on when the site visit will take place.

The lines of communication have been open between the Water Department and the Town Administrator. Town Administrator Chris Clark and Comptroller Sandy Cummings met with T-Mobile on Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in regards to the cellular upgrades that T-Mobile will be performing on top of the Route 39 water tank. T-Mobile was scheduled to begin their work on Monday, July 21, 2014 and the upgrades should take about a week and a half to complete.

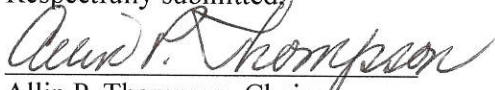
Clerk Bates asked the question as to how long the investigation at the Water Department would be going on. Town Administrator Clark stated that the investigation at the Water Department will continue until all of the adequate information is gathered.

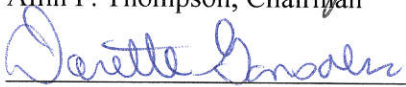
Distribution Foreman Steve Hicks has a meeting with Julie today, July 22, 2014 to discuss possibly using the Brooks Park tank as a storage area for the concrete for the reefing project that is being organized through the Conservation Department. The meeting is a site visit to see if the space is big enough until they start moving the concrete off-shore. The primary site is going to be DPW but at this point they are looking for alternate storage space. The project has been approved by DEP and now it is just a matter of the mechanics to make it happen.


The Board will meet again on Tuesday, August 5th, 2014.

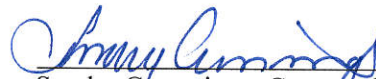
Chairman Thompson motioned to adjourn at 8:31 a.m. with a second from Clerk Bates; 3-0-0

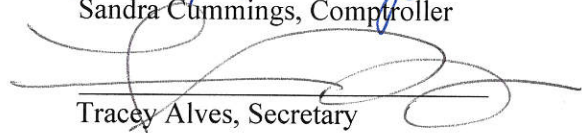
Respectfully submitted,

  
Allin P. Thompson, Chairman

  
Danette Gonsalves, Vice Chairman

  
Donald T. Bates, Clerk

  
Sandra Cummings, Comptroller

  
Tracey Alves, Secretary