

MINUTES
HARWICH WATER DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF WATER/WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, September 14, 2022
11:30 a.m.

WATER COMMISSIONER'S PRESENT: Chair Gary Carreiro, Vice Chair Allin Thompson, Clerk Noreen Donahue, Commissioner Judith Underwood (via telephone), Commissioner John Gough

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dan Pelletier, Comptroller Sandra Sieger, Billing Administrator Wellesley Marsh, Administrative Assistant Tracey Alves, Resident Tim Gallagher

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carreiro called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes
 - 1. June 30, 2022
 - 2. July 27, 2022
 - 3. August 25, 2022

Chair Carreiro motioned to approve the minutes of June 30, 2022. The minutes of July 27, 2022 and August 25, 2022 will be added to the next agenda.

Vice Chair Thompson motioned to adopt the minutes of June 30, 2022 with a second by Clerk Donahue. A role call vote was taken with all in favor; 5-0-0.

ABATEMENTS

- A. 6 Summer Ln

Chair Carreiro motioned to abate \$1000.00 because there was no malicious intent. Commissioner Gough seconded the motion. A role call vote was taken with all in favor; 5-0-0.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Water Restrictions & Enforcement

The drought declaration has been updated to a level 3. There is a conflict between the Rules and Regulations and the town bylaw. Citations have to go out until the bylaw can be changed.

Superintendent Pelletier would like to see within the bylaw designation of the fee structure to be up to the Board of Water & Wastewater Commissioners. He would also like it if the fines can be assessed to the water account vs. through the court, so fines can be taken out of the criminal court purview.

Changes to the bylaw will need to take place. Charter edits can take up to two years. It would be ideal if it could be a total community commitment to include private wells, contingent upon declaration of a drought.

The Monomoy lens aquifer services Harwich, Dennis, Brewster, Chatham, Orleans and part of Yarmouth.

This topic will have to be revisited over the winter. We have a problem and we need to resolve it as we move ahead.

B. FY24 Water Budget

The Board reviewed the FY24 Water budget.

C. FY24 Wastewater Budget

The Board reviewed the FY24 Wastewater budget.

D. Well #4 Cleaning & Redevelopment contract with D.L. Maher in the amount of \$18,092.50-
Vote to Approve

E. Vice Chair Thompson moved to approve the contract with D.L. Maher pending the Finance Director's signature in the amount of \$18,092.50. Clerk Donahue seconded the motion. A role call vote was taken with all in favor; 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2022 Special Town Meeting Wastewater Articles- Discussion & Possible Vote to Support
1. Acquisition of Property Interests and Appropriation of funds for Route 28 Dry Sewer Project and Phase 3 Wastewater Project
 2. Acquire parcel of land located at 62 Route 28

Vice Chair Thompson moved to adopt article #1 and various properties for Route 28 Dry Sewer Project and Phase 3 Wastewater Project. Clerk Donahue seconded the motion. A role call vote was taken with all in favor; 5-0-0. The vote was amended to spend from Wastewater Enterprise fund. Clerk Donahue seconded the motion. A role call vote was taken with all in favor; 5-0-0.

Chair Carreiro motioned to support article #2 to acquire land at 62 Route 28 specifically to use as a pump site for the wastewater system. Vice Chair Thompson seconded the motion. A role call vote was taken; 4-0-1.

B. \$5M ARPA Grant- Small/Medium Projects Letter of Intent

Competitive grant applications are due by September 30, 2022 for regional water projects up to \$500,000. Superintendent Pelletier recommended submitting an application to construct new interconnections between our water system and the Dennis, Chatham and Brewster systems. The other application could be for funding for the second phase of the well exploration in North Harwich.

C. FY24 Capital Projects

Superintendent Pelletier reviewed the FY24 Capital Projects list with the Board.

The 30-year Capital plan will be revisited to bring it in sync with new priorities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Fall flushing will be skipped this year and flushing will begin again in the spring.

Superintendent Pelletier will go to Real Estate and Open Space Committee meeting on October 21, 2022. One transaction was completed and the Department is interested in another.

Sewer mains on Continental and Whidah are done and top coat paving will take place next week.

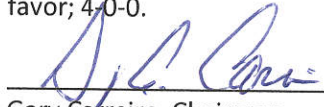
The water restrictions have prompted review of the town bylaws and Charter.

NEXT MEETING

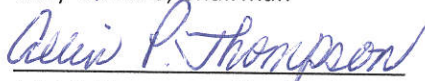
The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Carreiro motioned to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. Vice Chair Thompson seconded the motion, all in favor; 4-0-0.



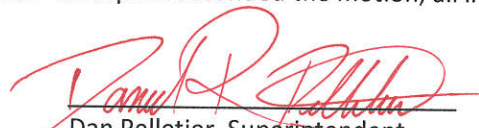
Gary Carreiro, Chairman



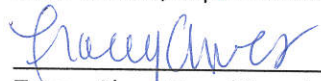
Allin P. Thompson, Vice Chair



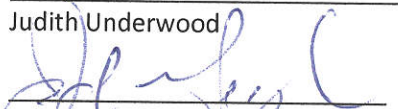
Noreen Donahue, Clerk



Dan Pelletier, Superintendent



Tracey Alves, Board Secretary



Judith Underwood



John Gough