

**MINUTES
HARWICH WATER DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF WATER/WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021
1:00 P.M.**

WATER COMMISSIONER'S PRESENT: Chair Gary Carreiro, Vice Chair Judith Underwood, Clerk Allin Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dan Pelletier, Comptroller Sandra Sieger, Board Secretary Tracey Alves, Billing Administrator Wellesley Marsh

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carreiro called the meeting to order 1:13 p.m. A roll call vote was taken to open the meeting, all Board members were in favor; 3-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

1. January 26, 2021
2. February 11, 2021

Chair Carreiro entertained a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2021 and February 11, 2021. Clerk Thompson moved to adopt the minutes of January 26, 2021 and February 11, 2021 with a second by Vice Chair Underwood. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor; 3-0-0.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Water Rules & Regulations

Harwich Water Department's Rules & Regulations are being revised. Language has been replaced, added, and removed to clarify the interpretation of the Rules & Regulations. Definitions have been added in as well. The Board will review the revisions to the Rules & Regulations and revisit discussing them at the next Board meeting.

Irrigation meters for sewer customers and billing will also need to be discussed. Research has been compiled with respect to what other communities are doing regarding sewer billing.

B. Well M3 Repair

Superintendent Pelletier informed the Board that the drilling contractor came in and replaced the Well M3 motor so now the well is now back up on-line.

C. Lothrop Ave Pump Control Programming Update

The Lothrop Ave pump control programming is 90% complete. A screen has been added which will allow the technician, in one press of a button, to pick the flow rate and press start. The

programming has been written and installed. It has been tested to some extent and once the Pleasant Lake Ave tank comes back on-line can be tested fully.

D. Pleasant Lake Tank Project

Superintendent Pelletier updated the Board on the Pleasant Lake Tank project. The contractor Trumble Construction has been working on the tank for a few weeks now. They've demolished all of the interior piping and have installed the overflow piping. The welding inspector has been out to inspect the welds, prior to painting.

They have now shifted from working inside the bowl assembly to working outside and they are installing the section of pipe that runs horizontally over to the edge of the tank, where it will ultimately drop down into the control room before leaving the tank.

They are now looking for sub-contractors to install the concrete work for the base elbow that is going to be in the control room and also install a ninety outside the exterior wall at the base of the tank and first run of pipe.

Superintendent Pelletier relayed how at the last meeting we were looking at doing some of the exterior piping work internally with some of our staff. A materials list has been put together and the materials to install that pipe are approximately \$78,000. It looks like those funds will be available in the budget. Because of the value of materials, they will have to go out to bid. Once complete, our staff would be able to go out and make the connection from tank underneath the highway to the other side of the site. This would save taxpayers \$200,000-\$300,000 by doing this internally.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 5 (UCMR5)

EPA has put out their initial advertisement about UCMR5 testing. We did the UCMR3 and 4 in 2015 which was the first round of national PFAS testing. The UCMR5 tests for 30 contaminants, 29 of them are perfluorinated compounds so it is a much more comprehensive evaluation of perfluorinated compounds in the groundwater as well as they are also looking for lithium. The new testing is slated to take place in 2023-2024.

In addition, there is new PFAS testing that has been implemented at the local level through DEP. The new PFAS quarterly sample regulation has been put into effect and the Water Department will be conducting its first round of samples next month in April.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pelletier discussed the potential use of DRI funds for the land acquisition grant on Chatham Rd. The Cape Cod Commission reinforced that the proposed use for those funds is applicable and would be a great use of the funds. The funds can be distributed upon the development of a proper purchase & sales agreement. Title research will need to be done so we can take it to the next step. The DRI funds are 100% reimbursable.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Chair Carreiro asked for an update on the status of the Department's ethics training. The due date is April 4, 2021.

A second round of flushing has taken place on Periwinkle Way.

The topic of Board meetings taking place in person again was discussed. We are not yet at that point to meet again in person yet.

The budget hearings for the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee just got distributed. The Water Department is currently scheduled to present its budget on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 9am.

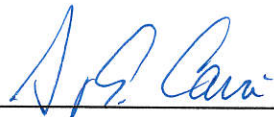
Chair Carreiro wanted to clarify about the Oracle article he was reading pertaining to the meeting with the Selectmen about the funding for the West Harwich project, the \$150,000. In the article, it looks as though Chair Carreiro was commenting during the meeting about the Board's position for that funding source. Just to clarify, Chair Carreiro was on that meeting but he was only on that meeting to report on behalf of the Water Department. It was the annual report that is done every year so by no means was he representing the Board of Commissioners during that conversation. In fact, he never commented on that discussion, he left the meeting before that was even had.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting date will be Friday, March 19, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Carreiro motioned to adjourn at 2:18 p.m. Clerk Thompson moved the motion with a second by Vice Chair Underwood. A roll call vote was taken, all in favor; 3-0-0.



Gary Carreiro, Chairman

Judith Underwood, Vice Chair

Allin P. Thompson, Clerk

Dan Pelletier, Superintendent

Tracey Alves, Board Secretary