

Harwich Water Department
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 7:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Gary Carreiro, Vice Chair Allin Thompson, Clerk Danette Gonsalves, Superintendent Dan Pelletier, Comptroller Sandra Sieger, Sr. Billing Administrator Wellesley Marsh, Board Secretary Tracey Alves

Chair Carreiro called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m.

Chair Carreiro entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of May 3, 2017. Vice Chair Thompson moved to approve the motion with a second by Clerk Gonsalves, motion carried; 3-0-0.

Superintendent Pelletier informed the Board that the DEP was scheduled to perform the final inspection on the Lothrop water tank.

The Board discussed the possibility of having solar installed at a couple of locations including the Lothrop water tank site as well as property located in the North Westgate Road area. Further research will be done regarding solar.

The topic of OPEB was discussed briefly and will remain on the agenda.

The Board performed the Superintendent's review and also discussed editing the form that is currently being used for the evaluation.

Chair Carreiro entertained a motion to increase Superintendent Pelletier's salary from step M6 to M7. Clerk Gonsalves moved to approve the motion with a second by Vice Chair Thompson, motion carried; 3-0-0.

Superintendent Pelletier will present the well spreadsheet at the next meeting, which lists all of the wells and the levels in which they are performing at.

Superintendent Pelletier provided an update on the WMA Permit.

In the event of Chatham needing water from Harwich in the near future, the current plan regarding the Chatham Interconnection entails the installation of a temporary interconnection that would only allow the pumping of water one-way from Harwich to Chatham. Superintendent Pelletier relayed that a formal Interconnection agreement would need to be created along with determining the rate in which the water would be billed.

The Commissioners signed the SCADA contract. The contract will also be sent to legal for signature.

Superintendent Pelletier provided an update on the spring flushing program.

1,925 Irrigation Survey postcards were mailed out to water account holders in an effort to gather information regarding irrigation backflow devices.

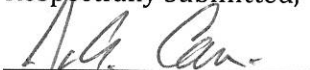
The Board would like to obtain quotes regarding having the Route 39 tank spot painted.

Superintendent Pelletier relayed to the Board that he was invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 with Town Administrator Clark, Director of Highways Lincoln Hooper and Maintenance Supervisor Shawn Libby to brainstorm the pros and cons of placing the Water Department under the Department of Public Works umbrella.


The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

Chair Carreiro entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:46 a.m. Clerk Gonsalves moved to approve the motion with a second by Vice Chair Thompson, motion carried; 3-0-0.


Respectfully submitted,



Gary Carreiro, Chairman



Allin P. Thompson, Vice Chair



Danette Gonsalves, Clerk



Dan Pelletier, Superintendent



Tracey Alves, Board Secretary