

Harwich Water Department
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 8:30 a.m.

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

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The Minutes of June 19, 2018 were not ready for review and will be added to the next agenda.

The Board reviewed an abatement request submitted by the property owner of 3 Wildwood Avenue for a \$50.00 missed appointment fee. Vice Chair Carreiro motioned to deny the abatement request with a second by Clerk Underwood; 3-0-0.

The CVEC/Harwich Inter-Governmental Net Metering Purchase Agreement solar contract was discussed. Vice Chair Carreiro motioned to moved forward and give Superintendent Pelletier the authority to execute the proposal. Clerk Underwood seconded the motion; 3-0-0. Once the everything is dotted and signed the construction will start immediately.

Sr. Billing Administrator Marsh provided the Board with an update on Quarterly Billing. The report regarding projections vs. actuals will be added to the next meeting agenda.

The topic of sewer billing was discussed briefly. Water customers and especially those with irrigation systems have been questioning how sewer billing will be handled? The Board reviewed a report of several Massachusetts towns that have town sewer and the ways in which they bill. Some towns use a set percentage rate to calculate an irrigation deduction while other towns utilize separate irrigation meters to monitor irrigation usage and then deduct the irrigation usage from the primary water meter usage. The Board favored the idea of irrigation meters however no formal decisions were made. More research will have to be done regarding what the best approach is.

The Board reviewed the proposed Charter changes.

Superintendent Pelletier provided the Board with two separate legal proposals. The first was from a firm called Nutter out of Boston, MA and the other from a firm called Bogle, DeAscentis & Coughlin, P.C with offices in Quincy and Fall River, MA. After the Board reviewed the proposals, Clerk Underwood motioned to go with Bogle, DeAscentis & Coughlin, P.C. Vice Chair Carreiro seconded the motion; 3-0-0.

Superintendent Pelletier updated the Board on the summons received by 2 Northern Avenue. The summons is the result of a leak that occurred at their property over the winter and the Town's insurance company refused to pay their claim.


Vice Chair Carreiro had a thought wondering if a webcam could be installed in the conference room of the Water Department so that the Board meetings could be recorded live? Superintendent Pelletier will check into this idea to see if it is a possibility.

The Plymouth County Water Works Event is being held on Wednesday, July 25, 2018.


The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Chair Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Vice Chair Carreiro moved the motion with a second by Clerk Underwood; 3-0-0.

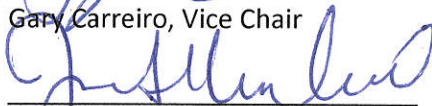
Respectfully submitted,



Allin P. Thompson, Chairman



Gary Carreiro, Vice Chair



Clerk, Judith Underwood



Dan Pelletier, Superintendent



Tracey Alves, Board Secretary