

Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners

Virtual Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday June 1, 2021; 4PM

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jim Hood, Chair; Catharie Nass, Tom Flynn, Curt Felix.

Others Present: Karen Plantier, Gail Ferguson, Jonathan Preissler, John Aprea, Eric Smith, Ryan Curley. Not everyone spoke.

Chair Hood called the meeting to order at 4:07pm.

Announcements:

Just be aware that there are several ticks at local beaches in high grass. You may want to look at using permethrin on your clothes to help prevent ticks from getting on yourself.

Meeting Minutes:

April 13, 2021, meeting minutes, Chair Hood moved to approve minutes, Nass Seconded by
Voted 4/0 to approved.

Town Meeting Warrant- Water Budget:

The budget is the same as it has been over the last few years, except for general fund contributions. The budget balances with estimated expenses. This budget will go to Town Meeting on June 26, 2021.

Motion by Curt to Approve Water Budget FY22 Nass Seconded.

Vote 4/0 to approve Budget.

Wastewater Articles: Curt Felix presented the three articles as follows:

- Article 19: Enhance Septic System Upgrade Program: \$12,500.00 incentive installation fund.
 - o Tech parameters are designed reduction of nitrogen. Three carbon-based systems that qualify for this program.
 - o Incentive removed 90% of nitrogen to protect ground water.
 - o Reduces leach field size.
 - o Need 50 systems installed over next 3 years.
 - o Long term to replace Title 5.
- Article 20: Permeable Reactive Barrier Pilot Program
 - o Which puts carbon into ground to clean up ground water.
- Article 21: 95 Lawrence Road Wastewater Treatment Facility
 - o First wastewater plant that Wellfleet would own.

Chair Hood: Next meeting June 15, 2021, for vote on Wastewater Articles – Put on Agenda for June 15, 2021.

Progress Drawings: Environmental Partners: on the 11th of June at 9:00 am at the fire station to discuss route and details of hydrants, outstanding issues prior to finalize plans to going out to bid. June 11th for wastewater at 11:00 am developers and Onsite as well.

Update on Replacement of Water Meters:

- Using funds that have been approved to borrow against. Mass works Grant:
- Look at taking the funding from the Grant 145K- 150K to install new water meters.
- Does it have to go to bid? Or can it be part of the contract are questions that need to be addressed, for replacement or new installation: install new Neptune meters.

Water Restrictions: Summer Months

Many towns have mandatory water restrictions in place. Wellfleet does not have mandatory nor Falmouth water restrictions. Falmouth has voluntary restrictions. (Voluntary – to meet states recommendations on water conservation.) Selectboard has asked to discuss this issue and to get back to them with Water Commission's recommendations. Currently the town is not seeing any changes in the water level. One questions that was asked who would be responsible for monitoring the restrictions.

Awareness to the public would be a better approach. Conservation is the key.

"Please conserve water resources during the summer months."

Chair Jim Move; recommendation on water conservation during summer months, Nass: Seconded

Public education program water conservation. Vote: 4/0.

Next Meeting: June 15th – Wastewater Articles to be voted on.

Chair Hood: Closed Meeting at 5:08

Public Record

List: Agenda for June 1, 2021, Minutes from April 13, 2021, Water Budget FY22, list of websites to visit to see how Water Usage is being handled during summer months in towns on Cape Cod.