

**Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners
Tuesday June 18, 2019
Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room 6PM
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Jim Hood, Chair; Catharie Nass, Neil Gadwa, Curt Felix (6:25pm), Tom Flynn (6:58pm)

Others Present: Gail Ferguson, Community Member; Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary

Chair called the meeting to order 6:03PM

5 Holbrook Ave – (Map #21, Parcel #105)

- Eldridge reported to the board that the owner of the property has been reimbursed his \$600 fee that he paid for a water connection fee, since his property was exempt from connection fees by the Board of Water Commissioners in 2011.

Water Liens

- Board members signed the water liens.

Coles Neck Well Repairs

- The board is waiting to hear from Roy from Whitewater for updated quotes. To have the wells repaired. This needs to go out to bid.
- **Felix moved to approve all repairs needed for the wells, Flynn seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0**

The Holden Inn – 140 Commercial St (Map #21, Parcel #86)

- Water Leak discussion, letter received by Fred Young. The board agreed that Fred could be charged the lowest possible rate for water that was leaked. The total comes out to be no more than \$30.00. Eldridge will touch base with Roy from Whitewater to make sure the pressure at this property is acceptable. A read will be done now so that the payment can be made for this billing cycle.

Harborside Village Water Connection

- Curt reported under current circumstances the village isn't ready to sign on with town water. The board discussed creating a standing proposal for the village for when they do decide to connect. Felix talked about the Mayo creek report that is listed on the town website. Chair Hood stated that if the board is going to present the village with a proposal the board needs to look at the what the plan is in terms of connection fees as well as usage fees and revising them. He stated it needs to be consistent with what they are doing with other water customers.
- The board discussed the easy ability to connect the village to town water because the curb stops are close by the property.

Financial Model and Connection Fees

- Felix updated the group saying know that he has a property to use as a model he has the information he needs to figure out what that customer will look like. Nass is looking for the town's information on who is connected to water and where are their properties, who is a seasonal and what utilities get shut off. Felix said one way to find out is personal property tax for people who don't live here year-round. Gail Ferguson explained that she pays a personal property tax and she is a year-round resident she pays because she has some rental units.
- Gadwa, talked about certain places in town that are now beginning to deal with tannins in their well, causing the water to be a light brown color. The board said this might make connecting to town water more enticing for customers.
- Discussion of the town Consultant was discussed. The funds are there but the focus needs to be on someone coming in to help the board figure out a better financial model. Felix talked about the wastewater fund coming from the air bnb taxes. This is dedicated money that goes to a separate fund, there is a fifteen-member board that oversees this. Chair Hood stated that what he understands what was approved at town meeting was funding for services, not necessarily a person but funds for an analysis of fees, connection fees etc.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness

- Chair Hood explained that there is a report on the town's website explaining what this is.

Summer Schedule

- The board will meet at 7PM for the summer months to help with conflicting schedules
- **July 16, 2019 7PM**
- **August 20, 2019 7PM**

Approval of Minutes

- May 15, 2019 – Nass moved to accept minutes as written, Hood seconded the motion, passed 5-0

Meeting adjourned 7:23PM