

**Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners
Tuesday October 8, 2019
Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room, 6PM
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: James Hood, Chair; Curt Felix, Catharie Nass, Neil Gadwa, Thomas Flynn

Others Present: Gail Ferguson, Resident; Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary

Chair Hood called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Consultant Role/ Financial Model

- The board discussed some main aspects of what they need for a consultant. Finding money to help with the upkeep of the water system. They board feels they need the help with a consultant on trying to figure out replacing the Coles Neck and Lawrence Rd water. Where to find the funds to do this. What is the town looking for in their public water system and what can be the benefits for having town water. They want to consider the financial model when searching for a consultant and the future of the water system. Gadwa asked the board where do they go from here, how they begin the search for a consultant and what the appropriate route would be going forward with the search. Felix stated that they would need to do a search because it would be more than \$10,000.
- **Felix moved to begin the search to hire someone as a consultant, to develop applications for financing, and to apply for grants engineering costs, benefits for replacing Coles Neck Rd or running new line to go up Briar Lane. Gadwa seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0**

11 Railroad Ave, Wellfleet (Map #21, Parcel #79)

- There is no new information regarding this property. The board hasn't heard from the abutting property's contractor or the current owner of the property.

Coles Neck Water Main

- Discussion on water main and the Lawrence Rd. water system, updating both. Chair Hood brought the board up to date on the status of both water systems. They need to be replaced to function properly. Chair Hood has reached out to USDA to see if funds can be used for this. The cost for this project will be roughly 3.2 million including engineering fees. Nass asked about a timeline for the housing project and chair Hood stated it would have to be soon to be put on the town meeting warrant.

25 Atwood Ave, Wellfleet (Map #14, Parcel #90)

- Chair Hood told the board that a request came in for water at the property. It abuts Summit St. He reached out to the owner and stated the board would be happy to discuss connecting to water. The board decided the whole street would have to connect at their own cost to install a water main down the 800-foot street. The owner has not reached out for any further information.

135 Old Truro Road, Wellfleet (Map #8, Parcel #164)

- The board received the application for water access and stated they are now waiting for Mr. Kaplan's representative to connect with Robert Our and Whitewater to oversee the tapping into the main water pipe. The application has been sent to Russ Tierney from Whitewater.

USDA Compliance Review

- Eldridge updated the board that USDA was in the office on Monday October 7th. He questioned me about our two-year review regarding our applications asking dynamics of water customers and making sure the water department was compliant with accessibility for customers with special needs. Eldridge asked about a bill that was sent from Robert Our for 65 Cahoon Hollow Road work done. The board suggested Eldridge send it to the owner of 65 Cahoon Hollow Rd to have them pay the bill. Eldridge also informed the board of new water applications received. 287 Coles Neck Rd. The board asked Eldridge to make sure there is a curb stop near her property.

Minutes

- September 17, 2019 – Nass moved to approve minutes as printed, Gadwa seconded; motion carries 3-0 (Flynn and Felix abstained due to absence)

***Topics for future meetings to be discussed**

- Felix will send an email to the board with future topics to be discussed in the coming months.
- Scada system, Chair Hood informed the board that he spoke to Dan Hoort and Hoort agreed that it would be better to proceed with full installation of a new system verses just trying to fix the existing system.
- Coles Neck expansion plan
- Briar Lane Road expansion to Coles Neck Rd.
- Lawrence Road expansion
- Emergency management back up plan
- Potential for cell tower revenue for water tower
- Re-examining of the existing use agreement, look at the contract to maybe renegotiate
- Revision of new connection fees and policies
- Harbor Village connection options
- More billing cycles ~ **Felix will send a copy of this list to the full community**

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm