

**Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners
2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall
300 Main Street, Wellfleet, Ma 02667
Tuesday January 21, 2020: 6:00pm
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Jim Hood, Chair; Tom Flynn, Catherie Nass, Neil Gadwa, Curt Felix
Others Present: Gail Ferguson, Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary; Thor Baum, Baum Construction

Chair Hood called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

Whitewater Contract and Water Pump Leak

- Discussion on Russ Tierney and setting up a meeting with him. The board discussed a water leak that happened in the past week the ball in the tank didn't signify that the tank was full causing a water overflow. DPW was notified but the board wasn't and would like in the future to be notified. Butch Neylon explained to the chair that this type of incident is not uncommon. Flynn asked if there is something monitoring the flow, chair stated that there was. Neil explained that the ball is based more on pressure.
- The board discussed a better way to be notified and a more detailed explanation of what happened. Chair Hood recommended to the board that they should meet with Russ Tierney and go over more in detail who is covering or taking over for Roy and discuss the communication issues with them. Eldridge offered to contact the Jay Norton over at the DPW to find out the chain of events and when the phone call came into them and when they reached out to Whitewater. There are no reports being given to the board like Roy used to give on a regular basis. Chair Hood would like to let the DPW know that when they get a call for something concerning the water that they not only call Whitewater but also contact the town Administrator's office, so the board has an idea what happened.
- Chair Hood moved the discussion forward with annual fees for water customers. He stated mainly the customers that have paid for access to the water but aren't currently hooked up. They are paying a service fee of \$86.98 twice a year. The board went on to discuss the original access fees and other fees. Ferguson added to the conversation by saying that with phase one, people signed up because they were told by the health department and people in charge of the water department that there might not be enough capacity for them in the future. They discussed the rules and regulations when the water went into the town. The board will continue to look at the financial plan and may not charge the fee to those who haven't connected to town water. Nass stated that this is difficult for the current board to make any changes because of what the previous board decided and put into the regulations. The board discussed this could also be the role of the consultant to help them with. Chair Hood will reach out to the owner that contacted him regarding the service fee and explain this is still in discussion.

List for Selectboard ~ meeting 2/11/2020

- Felix had a list that was printed out for the board copies of topics that will be reviewed with the selectboard.
- Coles neck long term replacement or expansion plan
- Briar Lane to Coles Neck, connection for redundancy back-up.
- Lawrence Road expansion
- Emergency management and back-up plan
- Potential for revenue from cell phone companies on the water tower
- Re-examination of existing use agreement
- The open cape generator deal, Chair Hood stated he wasn't sure they had that, Felix explained that this was just trying to collect loose ends.
- Revision of new connection fees and policies
- Policy for system extension which is currently being developed
- Scada System improvements
- Harbor village connection offer
- Development of more frequent billing rather than annual billing
- Felix asked if there was anything else. Chair Hood stated they can separate out what is related to Lawrence Road project. How will the board get the funding for the project, not including the grant that was already received. Environmental Partners will have a report for them. They discussed if Briar Lane was approved the board would still have to look at Coles Neck upgrades. Preliminary reports suggest that Briar Lane would be more expensive than Coles Neck. The board went on to discuss details about funding that they will go over with the selectboard.

Ryder Court

- Baum presented to the board maps of his proposed water installation He explained what was on the map and his plans for building on a lot. He explained there needs to be more water than he anticipated. He went on to discuss his plans with the board. He explained he is in the processing of figuring out exactly what he needs. The building will need a fire suppression system as he only originally wanted to run water down his street. (Ryder Court) for himself and his neighbors. The board discussed with him the size of line that needed to go down the street. Baum explained that there were a few of his neighbors that weren't interested in connecting to the water system. Baum also discussed with the board that the water quality is declining which is another reason he is looking to connect to town water. He asked the board their thoughts on the best way for him to go about putting the line in and where the stubs were. Gadwa explained he was concerned with a 6inch pipe but would like to have the state regulated size of 8 inches. The board continued to discuss Baum's plans on connecting his street and new building on town water. Chair Hood explained that he would like Russ Tierney to meet with Baum and go over engineered plans.

- Discussion continued about the line once installed becomes town property. Discussion of having a fire hydrant being installed was also discussed. Baum explained to the board he needs to go in front of the zoning board and the selectboard. He stated he believes he can do this with directional drilling. Chair Hood stated he believes Russ will be able to answer any questions or concerns with this installation. Baum stated he won't start this project until the fall of 2020. The board thanked Baum for coming in and presenting to him the maps and they will meet with him in a future meeting.

Minutes

- January 7, 2020 ~ Nass moved to accept the minutes as printed, Flynn seconded the motion, Carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm