

**Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners  
Town Hall; 300 Main Street Wellfleet, Ma 02667  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
February 18, 2020, 6:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Jim, Hood, Chair; Tom Flynn, Catharie Nass, Curt Felix, Neil Gadwa

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

Chair Hood called the meeting to order at 6:07pm

**Ryder Court Update ~ Update on meeting with Russ Tierney and Thor Baum**

- Chair Hood updated the board that he and Neil had met with Russ Tierney (the representative for Whitewater) and Thor Baum and went over the Ryder Court Plan. Baum will need engineered plans and there needs to be insurance with this project. Chair Hood explained to the board that he told Baum that the board might be bringing town water down Briar Lane. They discussed installing an 8-inch line down his property line and then a 2-inch line down the hill to the property after his residence. Chair Hood stated he hasn't heard from Baum since the meeting.

**Scada System Upgrade ~ Discussion on costs**

- Chair Hood updated the board on his discussion with Tierney about updating the Scada System. Tierney expressed he doesn't feel the board needs to do all the work that Butch Neylon had originally proposed. Tierney agreed to work with Neylon and discuss what needs to be updated and what doesn't.

**Mueller Water Meters ~ Discussion on new meters and the future of the existing meters**

- Chair Hood explained to the board that the company that deals with the water meters called and told them they will no longer be supporting the meters that the town uses. Eldridge explained to the board that the representative called and wanted to come and meet with the board. Tierney expressed to Chair Hood when they met that he would like to take care of this matter as well. He feels the meters aren't more than ten years old and there should be some sort of financial support for the town. The board continued to discuss different meters and the cost of them, along with other options.

**Proposed 2021 Budget for ~ Discussion on budget to present to the Finance Committee**

- Chair Hood presented to the board an updated budget for 2021 for them to discuss and vote on. The board went over each line item discussing some increases and decreases. Chair Hood explained that he kept some line items at a higher amount due to the issue with the meters and the uncertainty of the outcome. Chair Hood expressed the budget is very similar to the budget of 2020. Chair Hood stated he expects some loan payments to be paid off and some new connections, which will help the Water Budget's revenue. The electricity budget was lowered. Eldridge reported to the board that the electric bills are

high. The board discussed the electric bills and the board felt that the Lawrence Rd. bill is extremely high as there shouldn't be much electricity coming from that area. Gadwa stated the he has concerns with how much electricity is being used at that site. The board discussed investigating the electric usage at the site. Chair Hood will keep the budget line for the electricity where it is at.

- **Nass moved to accept the budget as written by Chair Hood, Flynn seconded, carried 5-0**
- **Felix moved that The Board of Water Commissioners establish a contingency fund segregated onto the books of the water enterprise fund, Flynn seconded, Carried 5-0**

#### **Selectboard meeting February 11, 2020**

- Chair Hood discussed with the board the DEP report to upgrade the Lawrence Road Water or to have a line run down Briar Lane. The board discussed the pros and cons of each and explained to the selectboard they feel the better option is Briar Lane because of all the possible new connections. Chair Hood that on behalf of the Water Commissioners he recommended to have the Wellfleet install a water line down Briar Lane

#### **Water Main Upgrade**

- There is a warrant article written for the full amount of the installation. Chair Hood explained it must go on the warrant like this but on the floor at town meeting they can explain to the town that there are grants and loans that are being applied for reducing the amount they are asking for.

#### **Minutes**

- January 21, 2020 ~ **Felix moved to approve as amended, Gadwa seconded, Carried 5-0**

Public Documents:      DEP report to upgrade the water system on both Briar Lane and Lawrence Road  
Draft 2021 Water Commissioners Budget for review

**Meeting adjourned 7:30pm**