

Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Tuesday April 28, 2020
4:00PM
Meeting Minutes

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

Others Present: Courtney Butler, Administrative Assistant; Russ Tierney, Whitewater representative, Jude Ahern, community member

Chair Hood Called the meeting to order at 4:04pm

New Water Meter Discussion

- Chair Hood discussed the meeting he and Felix had with Mike Trovato and Russ Tierney from Whitewater to go over the possibilities for new meters. Chair Hood discussed the offer that Tierney had offered to have Whitewater purchase all the equipment and then have the town of Wellfleet pay them back over a ten-year period. This would extend the contract with Whitewater including the purchase of the meters. There are options for the board, and Trovato will investigate those options and get back to Chair Hood and the board with the options.
- Chair Hood stated there are two options, Lease to buy from Whitewater or put a purchase out to bid and buy the meters outright. They are now trying to decide what is the best option for the town.
- Felix stated that it would need to be decided how this would be funded. When this needed to happen. This isn't an emergency basis so the board has a few months to decide on this decision, but Mueller will not be supporting the meters from this point on.
- Tierney gave an estimate if the town went with a five-year loan for the meters it would be \$2600 a month and if they went with a ten year plan the cost would be \$1500 a month. This would include 400 meters and install them all at once. It would be about \$18,000 a year for the board.

Scada System Update

- Tierney gave an update that the system went down in the previous day causing them not to have access. He expressed to the board that they need to have it upgraded as soon as possible and moved to the police station or fire department, so they have better access to the computer system.
- Chair Hood stated they needed to move on this action before the Lawrence Road project. He asked Tierney if he thinks it should be put out to bid, Tierney said he could but there may be some major changes with this.
- Chair Hood will check with Trovato to see if this is possible and then have the board decide with the selectboard's approval.

- Flynn asked if the wells were pumped regularly, Tierney expressed that the wells are pumped one to two times a month. The third well isn't but they are working that, and it will be fixed when the new system is installed.

Single Use Plastic Bottle Article

- Chair Hood brought up to the board the article about plastic bottles. He stated that he doesn't believe the board will be able to use any of their funds to help the recycling committee put in the water station. He feels that there are a lot of upcoming expenses for the board.
- Gadwa stated that he likes the idea of having people using the town water, but he also understands that it can't come out of their budget at this time.
- Nass stated she would like this to be tabled for now, Felix agreed with her. Chair Hood stated that this may not even be discussed until the fall town meeting, which a date hasn't been decided.
- **This will be tabled until a future meeting.**

Budget Discussion

- Chair Hood stated that he was unable to talk with the town administrator and will set up a time to talk with him soon. This will be continued until another meeting.

Minutes

- February 18, 2020 ~ Felix moved to approve the minutes as amended, Gadwa seconded, 5-0 motion passed
- March 31, 2020 ~ Nass moved to approve the minutes as written, Nass seconded, motion carried 5-0
- April 14, 2020 ~ Chair Hood asked for a change in the water bottles to go into an effect in the summer of 2021 not 2020. Also, Whitewater gave two options for the water meters, five and ten years. Felix asked the quote to be changes as well. \$140,000 ~ Felix moved to approve with the amendments, Gadwa seconded motion passed 5-0

Topics for future concern

- Wastewater meeting discussion could be added to the next water agenda, sharing communication. There was a concern raised. Jude Ahern stated that she has a concern about a consultant that was discussed. She stated there was a mistake on the website that Eldridge needed to fix. They continued to discuss what money was being spent at which committee meeting.

The next meeting will be scheduled for May 19, 2020

Meeting adjourned 5:00pm

Public Documents: No documents were submitted at this meeting.