

**Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners  
Virtual Meeting  
Tuesday May 19, 2020, 4PM  
Meeting Minutes**

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

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

Chair Hood called the meeting to order at 4:03pm

**Wellfleet Recycling Committee**

- Chair Hood talked about not being able to pay for the installation of the filling station at town hall and Gadwa agreed to do the installation at no cost so they would be able to help the recycling committee. Flynn asked if the town would be okay with them drilling a hole in the building, chair Hood explained that there is already a hole for a filling station to be hooked up they just need to get in touch with DPW and the plumbing inspector to get that going.
- Chair Hood stated that this doesn't change the water bottle ban going into effect until next year. They will discuss this later.

**Boy Scout Well**

- Chair Hood discussed the wells at the camp. There looked to be a lightning strike at the well sight. Whitewater was going out to look at both wells and decide if they can be fix or need to be replaced. They will know within the next week or so. Chair Hood will also speak with Russ Tierney to get a better idea as to what is going with the wells.

**Housing Choice Grant**

- Chair Hood spoke with Chris Clutchman who is the coordinator at the Massachusetts for the housing choice program. The board has a hundred-thousand-dollar grant from them for engineering services to replace the water main. He stated they don't have anything from the state regarding the mass works grant and the earliest they will have an application in will be early August. He stated they are going to need to also look at the SCADA system being replaced. The system keeps shutting down and can no longer be fixed. He was told that he could possibly change the wording in the grant from not only engineering money but the replacing and updating of the system and the state would agree to that.
- Chair Hood spoke with the housing task force who agree this would be the best route for the board to go. He asked the board if they had any concerns or comments regarding this. Flynn stated at this point they don't have an option because they system keeps shutting down at the DPW building and Whitewater must go manually restart the pump.
- The board were all in agreement to investigate replacing the system. Chair Hood stated he is currently working with Mike Trovato for procurement of this system.

## **Water Conservation**

- The board discussed they were able to read Helen Miranda Wilson's document and felt the town of Wellfleet wasn't in drought right now. The board went on to discuss her document and didn't feel what was in the document was relevant. Felix stated that it sets out some measures about severe water restrictions which he feels that isn't based on the truth. The board stated they have provisions in their guidelines and will keep what is in them. Chair Hood stated that the board should look at their current regulations and compare them with guidelines from the state and if they need to tighten them up a bit. Chair Hood asked Nass and Flynn to look at the current regulations and see if things needed to be changed or touched up to become more current.

## **Correspondence**

- Eldridge informed the board that the Town Hall will reopen at some point in June by appointment only and will let the board know the days she will be in the office in the event they need to come in.

## **New Business**

- The new water pamphlet for 2019 with water results will be printed, Felix asked about newer data for sodium levels
- Updated water test results from White water can be discussed at a future meeting
- Ask whitewater to come up with a solution for the high electric bill at the Lawrence road location

## **Meeting Minutes**

- April 28, 2020 ~ **Felix moved to approve the minutes as written, Flynn seconded; motion passed 5-0**

Meeting adjourned at 4:45PM

### *\*Public Documents:*

*Water Conservation Report submitted by Helen Miranda Wilson*  
*The new 2019 Water Pamphlet*  
*April 28, 2020 Minutes*