

Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners
Virtual Meeting – Zoom
Tuesday June 16, 2020, 4PM
Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Curt Felix

Others Present: Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary; Gail Ferguson, Community Member; Russ Tierney, Whitewater Representative

Chair Hood called the meeting to order at 4:05pm

Water Conservation Guidelines

- Analysis done by Catharie Nass and Tom Flynn
- Nass discussed with the board about how she researched her information to adopt new standards in dealing with water emergencies caused by drought and other unforeseen issues. She explained that swimming pools and irrigation on properties would be the big issues, so she spoke with the Wellfleet Health Agent Hillary Lemos and found out that the swimming pools in town use trucks to come and fill the pools with the trucks water. She said as far as irrigation, a lot of properties use their wells but couldn't get an exact number of properties that use town water for irrigation.
- Nass stated her belief is that right now there wasn't a need for any new guidelines.
- Chair Hood stated that this can be revisited in the future if need be but as of right now there isn't a huge need to change them.
- The board discussed further options and reviewed the current regulations for the board of water commissioners.

Water Enterprise Fund ~ 2020 Year to date expenditures

- Chair Hood reviewed the current Enterprise Fund with the board. He went on to explain what the town accountant Gene Ferrari sent for line items.
- The board discussed whitewater and their contract services line.
- The water enterprise fund has an ending balance of \$36,645.00 which he explained that the board hasn't overspent on this budget.
- He discussed with the board one of the boy scout wells had been hit by a lightning strike. They would need to use money from the enterprise fund to repair the well. Chair Hood went on to state that even if the work couldn't be finished until after June 30th the board could still hold those funds

Water Enterprise Budget for 2021

- Chair Hood stated that as of now the budget is the same as it was when prepared before the pandemic.
- The board discussed the expenses in the budget. This budget will be presented at the town meeting in October

Boy Scout Camp

- Chair Hood reported to the board that he has discussed with Russ Tierney from Whitewater to hire Maher services to fix the well that was struck by lightning.

Update on SCADA system replacement

- Chair Hood updated the board that they received approval from the state to use some of the grant funds to replace the Scada system as the state stated it being an interictal part of the water system. He stated that the housing choice committee was in favor of using the funds to replace the system. They discussed an RFP that needed to be updated to keep with the guidelines from environmental partners.
- Chair Hood stated that originally, Paul Millet told him that it was going to cost \$15,000 in engineering cost for the Scada system. Butch Neylon put in a price of \$45,000 to replace the system. Tierney stated there wasn't any need for an engineering plan with this project. They will reach out and get more information.

New Business

- Eldridge reported the deferred payment bills have gone out and the water fund should be receiving some revenue
- Chair Hood reported that the water line went in for the sprinkler system at the historical building.
- The board discussed items to be put on the agenda for the next meeting

Minutes

- May 19, 2020 ~ Nass moved to approve the minutes as written; Gadwa seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 4:45PM

The next meeting will be July 7, 2020

**Public Documents for this meeting:*

Water Enterprise Fund sheet

Water Enterprise Budget for 2021