

**Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners
Virtual Meeting
Tuesday July 14, 2020 – 4:00PM
Meeting Minutes**

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

Others Present: Gail Ferguson, community member; Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary; Russ Tierney, Whitewater Representative

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

Update on SCADA System ~ Assistance from Environmental Partners

- Chair Hood gave an update, he stated he has been working with Mike from Whitewater and working with Paul Millett to complete an RFP. Millett stated he will get the RFP out to all potential vendors. He explained that they anticipate that Butch Neylon may be the only candidate that might be willing to do the work as he is closest to Wellfleet. They are hoping to have this work completed by mid-August.
- Leak detection was discussed, and Tierney explained that leak detection is detected from the meters.
- Cost for this was discussed and the installation of the new system would be in the mid \$40 thousands and engineering would be approximately \$8,000.

Update on Boy Scout Camp Well Repairs ~ Russ Tierney will give an update

- Tierney began by explaining to the board that Whitewater is trying to get the pumps up and running after a lightning strike. Whitewater is getting a quote to fix those wells or replace the wells.

VFD Replacement at Boy Scout Camp Wellsite ~ Russ Tierney will give details regarding the replacement

- Whitewater is currently able to jump start the VFD but this to was affected by the lightning strike. He stated he was given a verbal quote of approximately \$5500. To replace it.
- The board went on to discuss what they could do regarding protecting the equipment during a lightning strike. Tierney explained that there isn't really anything right now to protect the pumps, the computers and internal software are more protected but the outside equipment is as protected as it can be right now.

Mass Works Application ~ The board will discuss the status of the application

- Chair Hood told the board that the submission for application is open and will be until the end of August. He is working with Mike Trovato in getting these applications in to Mass Works in hopes to have most of the Briar Lane water main project. Chair Hood went on to say that at this time there needs to be a survey of the land down Route 6 and along Coles Neck Road. The board would like to get this started before they submit the application to Mass Works so they're application is more competitive as they will be closer to groundbreaking. The consultation fees that were approved at the previous town meeting there is money left to pay for the consultation fees.
- The board continued to discuss the benefits of having a new connection line for water going down Briar Lane.

Request to meet with Select Board ~ Regarding the warrant article for the upgrade of the water system

- The board would like to be in front of the selectboard on July 28, 2020 meeting to discuss the water warrant article and its details. The board discussed further the fire suppression system that is on the warrant for the elementary school and how that might impact the water pressure.
- Chair Hood stated to the board that in the article it isn't worded properly. It is article 10 but it doesn't specify Briar Lane being the main choice. He stated that they should amend the warrant article, so the residents of Wellfleet understand what they are planning.
- Eldridge explained that the finance committee was meeting the following night and had this article on their agenda to discuss details. Chair Hood stated he would attend the meeting in case the finance committee had any questions and so Chair Hood could explain the changes he would like to make in the article specifying that the Water Commissioners would be recommending the Briar Lane option.
- The board also discussed moving the amount proposed in the article up a little to cover new meters that the town is going to need as they have been informed by Mueller (the current company that fixes the current meters) that they will no longer be servicing the meters. Chair Hood didn't want the price to go over four million dollars
- Tierney informed the board that to get the new meter replacements would be approximately \$140,000 this will get every customer on the water system a new meter and make the reading of the meters easier. Felix stressed that going about the new meters this way rather than spreading it out over time would be less expensive for the town. They continued to discuss new meters and raising the funds they are asking for to cover the new meters. The board agreed that this is a good discussion to bring to the finance committee meeting the following night and get their perspective.

Minutes

- June 16, 2020 ~ **The meeting minutes were moved to the August 4th meeting, when there is a quorum to vote.**

Topics for future Concern

- The board will hold their next meeting on August 4, 2020 at 4PM via zoom
- Tierney informed the board that all the fire hydrants in town have been inspected and only one was broken and will be fixed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm

**Public Documents:*

No documents were handed out at this meeting