

**Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners  
Virtual Meeting  
Tuesday August 4, 2020; 4:00PM  
Meeting Minutes**

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

**Members Absent:** Neil Gadwa

**Others Present:** Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary; Gail Ferguson, community member; Eric Smith, Whitewater Representative; John Apreah; Whitewater Representative; Elaine Mcroy, Housing committee

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

He introduced Eric as the new person coming in to take over Russ Tierney's position.

**Advocacy Efforts for Town Warrant**

- Chair Hood explained that the housing committee would like to help with efforts regarding the warrant article to upgrade the water system down Briar Lane. Mcroy spoke on behalf of the housing committee and their support of the upgrade to the water system. She also spoke about the mini town information sessions that the town will host to educate the town on what the warrant articles mean and what will happen if they pass.

**Mass Works Grant Application**

- Chair Hood gave an update on the status of the grant. He is working with the Assistant Town Administrator Mike Trovato to get the application completed by the end of August. They are working on estimates on installing the new water main. Chair Hood also stated that he is working with Paul Millett from Environmental Partners. The application deadline is due August 17, 2020 and then he stated they plan to send out a survey to the Briar Lane residents to get some feedback. Chair Hood stated that he may need some help and will ask the board members to participate. Smith from Whitewater stated that he would be more than happy to help in anyway the board needed.

**Water Usage Chart**

- Whitewater submitted a chart of the water usage to date for the town of Wellfleet. Chair Hood asked for any questions or comments on the chart. There was some discussion on the usage and the ability for the water main to be able to handle the upgraded water system. It was noted that during the summer months there is a larger amount of water that is pumped and sometimes exceeds the daily usage ability. The system has been handling it and the board feels with the upgrades that they hope to make it won't be an issue.

**Boy Scout Well Repairs**

- Apreah from Whitewater gave an update that because of the lightning strike a month ago there was only one working pump but the other has been fixed and both are working properly.

### **Request for Pricing on the new SCADA System**

- Chair Hood reported to the board that he has been working with ATA on quotes for the replacement of the SCADA system and right now it looks like Butch Neylon will be the better option to replace the system, which he can do in a timely manner. Chair Hood will follow up with Whitewater regarding this system.

### **Water Main for Route 6 Hotel**

- Eldridge gave an update that the owner of this hotel was hoping to extend the water main down route 6 to give him the availability to have town water. The board discussed that not only would he have to pay for the main line to go down route 6 but he would also be responsible for the fire hydrants along the highway. It was discussed that the approximate cost for this to be done is close to one million dollars. Eldridge explained to the board that she would reach out to the owner and explain in detail that it would be a vier high cost for him to do this.
- The board will do some research on water going down route 6 and look at possibilities for the coming years to bring the water that far down
- Felix discussed that at the previous year's town meeting it was passed that the Board of Water Commissioners were allotted to use money for a water consultant and bringing the water down route 6 would be a good way to utilize this consultant because it will more than likely need to be done in the future.

### **Water Bottle Filling Station**

- The board postponed this discussion until Neil was able to be at the meeting

### **New Business**

- At the August 18, 2020 meeting the board will discuss the SCADA system, which will hopefully be done by that time.
- The water bottle filling station will be discussed with Neil as he had offered to put the station in.
- Discussion of switching to the Neptune Water meters using the Eastham equipment.
- Felix would like to do a walk through the building that has the high electric bill so they can figure out a way to lower the bill.

### **The meeting was adjourned at 4:45PM**

#### ***Public Records:***

*The water usage report for the town of Wellfleet  
July 14, 2020 meeting minutes*