

**Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners
Virtual Meeting ~ Zoom
Wednesday September 2, 2020; 4:00PM
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Jim Hood, Chair; Curt Felix, Catharie Nass, Neil Gadwa

Members Absent: Tom Flynn

Others Present: Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary; Richard Wilson, Austin Night, representatives for the Masonic Lodge; Eric Smith, Whitewater Representative

Chair Hood called the meeting to order at 4:02pm

Mass Works Application

- Chair Hood updated the board on the that the application has been submitted this past Thursday electronically. He stated following town meeting he will need to let the housing and economic development office if the warrant article was passed for borrowing. Hoping that this is approved by the town they can begin on the project. Chair Hood stated there was a lot of support from Sarah Peak and Julian Cear offering letters of support for this project. Hood stated there is still a lot of work for this project, but he feels it is headed in the right direction.

Town Meeting

- Chair Hood explained to the board that the warrant article will be printed, and he will be available to answer questions of the town members. Eldridge updated the board that the information video will explain the importance of approving this article.

Masonic Lane Connections

- Wilson and Night discussed connecting the Masonic Lodge and five properties on Masonic Lane to the town water system. A curb stop was discussed and its location to be able for residents to connect. Chair Hood asked Gadwa if he agreed with a 2-inch line to connect Masonic Lane. Gadwa stated he feels a 2-inch line would be enough. Chair Hood discussed a connection fee and decided they would vote at another meeting and stated they would more than likely vote to waive the connection fee. Night stated it would be difficult to have the lodge connect to town water if they had to pay for the connection fee as they are a small group. Smith stated John Aprea was out but he felt there were no issues but would have Aprea reach out if he felt differently. The board thanked Austin and Richard for joining their meeting.

Perc Test at Town Landfill

- Felix discussed with the board that the Wastewater committee is required by DEP to do a perk test by the landfill to see if the land will be suitable for a wastewater treatment facility. A well needs to be drilled and a pit needs to be dug. The water will then be measured how quickly it seeps into the ground. Felix asked if the board would be able to

waive the water usage fees during this perk test. Felix gave details on how the operation would be set up. He stated that there could be a great amount of water used and wanted to make sure that a resident didn't end up paying for the water usage. There were no concerns from the water commissioners. Smith asked for a heads up when this testing begins so that they can be there is there are any issues.

- **Hood moved to waive all fees connected to the perk test at the transfer station, Nass seconded the motion; Motion passed 4-0**

Wellfleet Historical Society

- Chair Hood talked about the hook up for the fire suppression system only. There will be no meter according to Whitewater. There won't be a connection fee to them. The only water that will be used in the building is in case there is a fire. The board discussed the Historical Society connecting and payments that will be made.

Mayo Creek Restoration and Harborside Village

- Felix discussed with the board there are some concerns about connections, but he will find out more information and get back to them. He gave more information on studies that have been done by Woods Hole. He suggested to the board that maybe they could present to the village an option for connecting. He gave examples of what they could offer. He stated that picking up such a large group on the water system would be good for the water system. Chair Hood asked what the next steps were for moving forward. At this time Felix asked for a motion from the board stating there will be an offer for the Harborside Village residents. Chair Hood stated that the board may need to go into executive session to discuss the financial details with this motion.
- Chair Hood discussed again with the board bringing in a consultant to help them navigate connection fees. Felix agreed. This will be kept on upcoming agendas for discussion.

Nass asked the board about the document that was sent by selectboard member Helen Miranda Wilson, Chair Hood explained, and the board discussed in further detail. Chair Hood stated this will stay on the agenda. Smith stated there is capacity at the Coles Neck Site, but they will investigate further.

The next meeting will be held on September 15, 2020 – 4:00pm

Minutes

- August 4, 2020 ~ **Felix moved to approve the minutes as written; Gadwa seconded; motion carried 4-0**
- August 18, 2020 ~ **Felix moved to approve the minutes as written; Nass seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0**

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm

Public Documents:

Coles Neck Municipal Water system -document sent by Helen Miranda Wilson

Potential Coles Neck Road Housing – document sent by Helen Miranda Wilson