

**Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners**  
**Virtual Meeting ~ Zoom**  
**Tuesday November 24, 2020, 4:00PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Curt Felix, acting chair; Catharie Nass, Neil Gadwa

**Members Absent:** Jim Hood, Tom Flynn

**Others Present:** Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary; Gail Ferguson, Eric Smith, Whitewater representative; Louis Schoolcraft, Ti-Sales (Neptune) representative;

Felix called the meeting to order at 4:02pm

**Mueller Meters**

- Felix took the meeting out of its original order and wanted to discuss the Mueller meters verses the Neptune meters. Felix asked Smith to give a small update about the conference call with the Mueller representative. He explained that we don't have any more Mueller meters in Wellfleet and Mueller will no longer be supporting the old street machine. If the town were to move to Neptune, they would be able to read the old Mueller meters and as they failed would be replaced with Neptune meters. Any new water customers would receive a Neptune meter. Smith went on to explain that Neptune computer systems are easier to use and will give access to Eldridge to be able to help customers when they call rather than her having to call Pennichuck to find out information. Pennichuck wasn't able to say for certain that they won't have to charge the town more money to upgrade their software to be able to read the new Mueller systems. Smith introduced Schoolcraft who gave a summary of using the Neptune meters. He explained that this system is good for both mobile and fixed network. He discussed buying the Neptune meters and the logistics of doing that. Felix opened the discussion up to the board members to be able to ask questions and voice concerns. Felix explained that right now the town doesn't have anymore meters and the board needs to decide on which meters to go with moving forward. The board will consider both options and vote at their next meeting with what company they plan to go with. There was discussion on how these would be financed. Smith will write up a proposal for both companies and a quote to have Whitewater pay for the meters outright and then the town pay them back.

**Mass Works Award**

- Felix updated the board that the town received 2.5 million dollars from the state to upgrade the water system. He stated the Jim Hood has worked very hard on this application and feels this is very beneficial for the town.

### **Revised Agreement with Masonic Lane**

- Felix asked the board if there were any questions from the board regarding the updated language in the agreement.
- **Nass moved to approve the upgraded agreement with Masonic Lane, Gadwa seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0**

### **SCADA System**

- Smith discussed the progress of the system. The contract has been signed and Eldridge stated that Butch has 120 days to start the work. They are waiting on a start date. Smith will email John Aprea and find out more information

### **Environmental Partners**

- Felix updated the board that contract for Briar Lane is with town counsel and waiting to be sent back to the town for work to begin.

### **Cape Light Compact**

- Eldridge updated the board that after Thanksgiving, Cape Light will come out and tour the well houses. She will keep them updated on that progress.

### **Minutes**

- November 10, 2020 ~ **Nass moved to approve the minutes as written, Gadwa seconded; motion passed 3-0**

The next meeting is scheduled for -December 8, 2020 at 4:00pm

Meeting adjourned 5:00pm

### **Public Records:**

*Slideshow for Mueller and Neptune meters*

*Meeting Minutes*