

**Wellfleet Water Commissioners
Virtual Meeting – Zoom
Tuesday December 8, 2020; 4:00pm
Meeting Minutes**

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

Others Present: Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary; Gail Ferguson, Eric Smith, Whitewater representative

Chair Hood called the meeting to order at 4:04pm

Water Meters

- Smith provided a breakdown for the board regarding both Mueller and Neptune meters. He gave the board four different options with financial breakdowns. The board discussed these options and what they feel will best work for the town. Stating that the water system needs an upgrade, and this is the beginning of doing that upgrade. The board discussed replacing all the radios to read the meters and keep the meters and as the meters die, they will be replaced with new Neptune meters.
- **Felix moved to replace all the radios and meters with Neptune meters as soon as possible and amortizing the payments over a two-year phase; Nass seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0**

Environmental Partners Contract

- Chair Hood updated the board that he is meeting with the selectboard the same evening and are asking the selectboard to sign the contract for the engineering services for the new water main.

Agreement with Mass Works

- Chair Hood stated the Mike Trovato has the contract and Maria Broadbent will sign the contract from Mass Works, so they are able to receive the money

Squires Lane

- The board didn't discuss this road at this time

Pipes to be used for water Main

- Gadwa explained to the board members that he has some concerns using iron pipes and would rather use PVC pipes. The board discussed both options, cost benefits were discussed and the cost of the installation of PVC pipes. Felix stated that he has concerns with the iron pipes, although they are lined there is concern for the outside of the pipes becoming chipped and corroded. The board continued to discuss the pros and cons of using PVC verses Iron. Chair Hood will discuss these options with Robert B. Our to see which material they prefer and the engineer to see what his preferences are. They will decide once discussions have been had.

Pressure Sensor at Storage Tank

- Smith updated the board that he has spoken to John Aprea and they were still waiting for a few components, but Butch was working on fixing it. This sensor failed during Thanksgiving weekend. Smith will get any updated information on the storage tank to Eldridge as it comes in.

Financial Model

- Felix presented a form to develop an RFP. The board agreed on the document and Chair Hood will submit it to Mike Trovato to get the RFP moving forward.
- Chair Hood asked Felix to give an update on the money that was allocated to them for a water and wastewater consultant at the previous town meeting. The money was to be split between the water commissioners and the wastewater committee. He will look further into where the funds are located so they are able to move forward.

Minutes

- November 24, 2020 – Catharie noted one mistake in the minutes, **Felix moved to approve the minutes as amended, Gadwa seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0**

New Business

- The board discussed their next meeting. The board will meet on December 22, 2020 at 4pm.

Felix motioned to adjourn; Flynn seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm

Public Records:

Spreadsheet from Whitewater giving different options for meter updating

Document submitted by Curt Felix regarding the financial model

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