

Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners

Virtual Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday October 5, 2021; 4PM

Meeting Minutes

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

Others Present: Karen Plantier, Jonathan Preissler. John Aprea, Eric Smith,

Chair Hood called the meeting to order at 4:07 October 5, 2021

Meeting Minutes September 7, 2021:

- POSTPONED until next meeting.

PFA Testing starting in October – John Aprea getting supplies and collecting samples.

First test is free. Depending on results determine what the next steps are. On Oct 7 the test will be taken. It could cost 6K a year for testing. The initial results will determine what we need for future testing/monitoring/frequency and that will determine the cost in the future. The town will have to probably pay for it.

DEP Sanitary Survey Response

Submitted the response in June with the help of Jonathan Preissler and Paul Millet from Environmental Partners. We will be in compliance by the spring due to all the work that has to be done on the drains.

Installation of New Depth Sensors

Butch Nealon was told to move forward to replace sensors at a cost of \$2825. Depth of water of the two wells are within a foot of each other approximately 71 ft. No change in the levels.

RFP for Contractor for Water Main installation

The bids are out for the contractors– Tuesday and Wednesday next week

RFP for Water System Operator

These are out for bids. Should be in by Tuesday and Wednesday next week

Financial Consultant

To go over the process and get multiple bids. Within two weeks we can get an analysis Rate Structure and Fees. To get a rate structure connection fee.

Backflow Inspections Update: John Aprea talked about the status of the inspections. Curt who is doing the testing; identify high hazards to get into the locations and is doing cross connection surveys. He stopped prior to finishing. The town is responsible for the water till the last tap. He is locating all customers we have not been servicing currently. The state requires this type of testing.

Water tower – Positive test for coliform in September. Tested TC samples in September came back positive. Repeat samples again and the system was flushed and tested October 5th. Fire station negative and school came back positive. Waiting for them to come back and will chlorinate again. Need to fix part of the ladder in tower, until its done, then they can climb to the top to look to see where the problem is. Part is being ordered to repair ladder. Underwater Solutions could be asked to do the inspection.

Based service fee charges

- **Complaints about the charges** - Why they are having to pay if they have not connected yet. Losing 4K per half of year. There are 47 customers not connected but get billed for service fee.

Request for Survey for potential other customers

- Do a survey of Chequessett Neck to prepare for new customers. There may be federal funds for expansion of the water system.
- There are COVID funds from the State that we could use.

Need professional help for water system and wastewater system. DPW may take on part of this role. Has to go to town meeting. DPW or Conservation department would manage these responsibilities.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday October 19th at 4:00 pm next meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting Chair Hood: **Move:** To adjourn meeting **Seconded:** by Curt Felix

Vote 5/0

Closed meeting at 5:10