

Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners

Virtual Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday December 21, 2021; 4PM

Meeting Minutes

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

Others Present: Karen Plantier, Gail Ferguson, Dan Silverman, Louise Johnson

Chair Hood called the meeting to order at 4:02

- **PFA's Update:** Samples were completed in October.
- The readings were done to a certain limit – The town's water did not show anything above those limits. So, the test results cannot go below a limited low level. It was listed at the lowest level based on what the test could read. No PFA's found in the Town's water.
- January- there will be another test done and if the results come back at a low reading again, we can request a deferral for the next 12 months.
- Now the issues arise that we need to look at private wells in town.
- Dan Silverman & Louise Johnson – from Sand Piper Hill Road spoke to the BWC.
 - He had followed the guidelines from UMASS and DEP and did a volunteer testing of his private well along with Louise Johnson as recommended. The results came back more than 3 times the state limit. They did a retest, came back below the 20 ppt, however it did come back at 13 ppt. Their well is approximately 15 feet down from the ground.
 - They now would like to have Town water access. Their testing happened this November just after Thanksgiving of 2021.
 - They will have to now start treating their well water.
 - Ask Hillary if she knows of the other positive hits on the high levels of PFA's in Wellfleet.
 - There was 4 out of 33 private wells tested that had higher than normal (elevated) PFA's.
- They do not have any idea where the contamination is coming from.
- Louise Johnson added that there are other private wells which people don't know if their wells are safe and have not been tested. The other private wells may not be safe.
- Catharie Nass – The cost of adding Indian Neck to Town Water would be approximately (estimate 5 years ago) \$130M. That was the reason why it did not go forward.
- Department of Health may know who the other 2 private wells whose test results came back with elevated PFA's results.

- **BUDGET**

Recommendations for the Finance Committee for the Draft Budget FY23, generated by Karen.

We met with Charlies Sumner last week and we all agreed with the Budget.

Salary and wages have been increased from 16 hours to 20 hours per week.

The White-Water contract line item went from large number now it is divided into various line items. It is now in much more detail for more clarity.

The Whitewater line item now is just for the basic fees from White Water which was the contracted amount of approximately 85K.

White Water contingency is the overtime along with subcontractors. This number was a part of last years \$135K from last year. It was broken out.

The Capital Budget has not been completed yet. However, the estimated amount is approximately \$250K for FY23. The meters need to be replaced, work on hydrants, new generators, and meter reader as well as the software.

Lien payment revenues would be for FY23, \$23K.

Base fees and Service fees were increased by 2.5% in November. The town would have to subsidize the Water Enterprise Fund for FY23, \$125K.

\$2M Mass Works Grant for water system expansion. The contract for water main expansion access to funding for borrowing in 2019 from Town. That funding we still have access to for borrowing to cover the meters, new generator, new reader, and a reserve fund for ongoing Capital Expenditures. Looking at \$250K for Capital improvements.

Motion Catharie Nass To approve the Water Enterprise Fund Budget **Second** Neil Gadwa

Vote 4/0 Approved Budget as proposed.

- **Coles Neck** – Pre-construction meeting Dec 9th – Dig-it Construction staging will start the second week of January through the winter months. The issue would be holding off repaving until the spring. They are looking at mid-May completion.

- **Status of BSC Well - Motor Repair**

Whitewater has contracted with Mahar Services for the water pump \$6970.00. The motor failed. The work has stated on the well repair.

- **Status of Financial Analysis**

Doug Gardener started to do analysis on prior years data. He has the debt services data.

- **SCADA - Location** of this which is still at the DPW building. Looking at moving it to the Police or Fire Department. Jay Norton has spoken to Chair Hood and better to leave it where it is at the current time. The Police Department does not really have enough room for it there.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Neil Gadwa **Motion** to approve the October 5, 2021, minutes **Second** Tom Flynn **Vote 4/0**

Catharie Nass **Motion** to approve the October 20, 2021, minutes **Second** Tom Flynn **Vote 3/0**

Catharie Nass **Motion** to approve amended September 7, 2021, minutes **Second** Tom Flynn

Vote 3/0

The meeting minutes for December 7, 2021, will be reviewed next meeting.

- **Next meeting January 11, 2021**
- Chair Hood Closed the meeting at 5:24pm

Tom Flynn **Motion** to adjourn meeting **Second** Catharie Nass **Vote 4/0**