

**Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners**

**Virtual Meeting – Zoom**

**Tuesday April 12, 2022; 4PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Others Present:** Karen Plantier, Brian Smith, John Aprea, Gail Ferguson

**Chair Hood** called the meeting to order at 4:00.

- **Minutes: March 8, 2022 & March 29, 2022**

**Motion:** Curt Felix To approve the minutes of March 8, 2022 **Second:** Jim Hood

**Vote** 3/0 To approve minutes of March 8, 2022.

**Motion:** Curt Felix To approve the minutes of March 29, 2022 **Second:** Jim Hood

**Vote:** 3/0 To approve March 29, 2022.

- **Water Main Project – Coles Neck Well Field**

Environmental Partners has asked for Dig-it to provide an updated estimates to do improving that were identified in second set of improvements.

- **Boy Scott Camp**

South Shore Generator: Output of the generator. Still an issue. They reported noise in the signal on the output of the generator. Paul Millett and Butch Nealon will be coming to the site to see if any adjustments were made to the new regulator. Currently we don't have an answer at this time as to what the problem really is.

- **Meter Read:**

The meter read will done during the week of April 18, 2022.

- **Rate Structure:**

There was a lengthy discussion about the report from Doug Gardner on the three-tier rate structure and service fees. Curt Felix presented a summary of various towns on the cape and what they are charging for water rates, and connection fees.

The recommended tiers are as follows: \$1.38 up to 20,000, 20,0001 to 60,000 at \$9.42 and 60,0001 and up to \$14.40.

Base service Charge \$125 / two times a year- currently at \$89.15 / two times a year.

Those customers who paid to connect but not connected yet \$100 / two times a year .

Jim presented a number of examples of base service fees with usage fees. The average usage for a single-family home is approximately 20,000 gallons for six months. The total would be \$162.00 for 6 months. Doug Gardner is trying to build in more revenues into the system.

Try to get general fund contribution to drop by 50K. With growth over time the general fund contribution will continue to drop.

Block rates were also discussed – other towns on the Cape are using this method to charge for multi-unit properties.

Eastham does not have a connection fee. Looking at different rate structure for multi-user properties, however at this time, they don't have a rate for multi-users.

- **Next Meeting:**

Next meeting will be April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. We need to increase number of meetings.

**Motion:** Curt Felix To adjourn the meeting **Second:** Neil Gadwa

**Vote:** 4/0 To adjourn the meeting at 5:14pm