

**Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners**  
**Wednesday May 1, 2019**  
**Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room 6PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Jim Hood, Chair; Catharie Nass, Curt Felix,

**Members Absent:** Neil Gadwa, Tom Flynn

**Others Present:** Roy Maher, Whitewater Representative; Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary, Gail Ferguson, Community member.

**Ryder Court Road**

- Water Installation – Thor Baum to attend and answer board member questions. Thor wasn't present.
- He told the board he had a conversation with Thor for Ryder Court road and that a 2-inch main was discussed but if the board wanted to go bigger an engineer would need to be brought down and Thor would have to have inspections. The board discussed the stream behind the property. He explained that with this set up a 6-inch main should be used. The board discussed setting up the criteria for Thor, he would need an engineer, the specs and plan would have to equal what they expect. The hydrant is a public safety issue, so the town would be responsible for it. Maher explained that if it was a 2-inch main then he would be comfortable with allowing Thor to use a 2-inch main. However, there is a possibility the water line could be brought further down in the future. This is a very expensive process. \$4,000 versus \$20,000 going from a 2 to 6 inch main.
- Liability is a major concern of the board with allowing Thor to do this project.

**Financial Model**

- Structure, Rates – Waiting to get the full year data from Eldridge, who is having trouble getting previous reads. She will continue to work on this information.

**Cumberland Farms Update:** Maher gave an update on the work completed by Robert B. Our at the Cumberland Farms worksite on route 6. He inspected all the water mains and hydrants, pressure testing has been done, chlorinating has been done and samples were out for testing with no results, which Maher explained that if they heard nothing that is usually a good sign.

**Coles Neck Wells**

- Update – Maher stated he was having problems with this property and the wells. He stated that some of the problems are control based and one of the wells is having a motor problem. He stated the control aspect in Well # 3 is tricky because the person who installed it is from New Hampshire and very difficult to

get a hold of. Maher stated there is a person from Truro that will be easier to get a hold of and better to do the work. Well #3 throws a pump fail alarm unless it is being run manually.

- Well #1 the pump won't work. There is an estimate of \$8,520.00 to fix this well from Maher Services. **Felix moved to have this well be fixed, Nass seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-0**
- Well #2 is smaller and working currently. He gets 40 gallons per minute.
- The board discussed their options as the two quotes that were provided were a large amount of money. Maher said Coles Neck is really having issues. Nass stated that this is where a consultant would be helpful to the board in making this decision. Chair Hood stated that DEP would be able to help them. Felix stated he was comfortable with the \$46,000 quote as he wanted to know what they were fixing for that large amount of money. Right now, it seemed more feasible to fix the Coles Neck Wells.
- Felix asked what could be available for grants, especially if the Coles Neck area becomes affordable housing.
- Maher was asked how long this could go. Maher said he would need to fix the wells right now. The board liked the idea of using a more local vendor to fix the wells than the vendor from New Hampshire. They asked Maher to maybe look for another quote with the well work.

Roy informed the board of things going on. He explained he had seasonal turn on to properties in April, but they have slowed down. He raised the well casings at McGuire landing. He would like to paint some fire hydrants. Felix asked if the DPW could be approached to paint the fire hydrants. Eldridge will reach out to Hoort to see if that's possible. Trying to get them to work together.

#### **65 Cahoon Hollow Rd**

- Update/ status – it was discussed that the home owner will be paying the \$6,000.00 connection fee and the fee from Robert B Our to pay the \$3900.00 connection fee with them. Chair spoke with the owner's contractor and stated the owner was informed of this cost.

#### **Bay Sales**

- Status of the DOT Permit – Eldridge explained to the board that she spoke with the town Administrator Mr. Hoort, he believed this was a paper trail issue and that it was caught up in that. The town is not liable at this point because Robert B Our went ahead with work assuming the permit was already received for the extension to Bay Sales.

#### **Approval of Minutes –**

April 17, 2019 - **Felix moved to accept the minutes, Nass seconded the motion,**

#### **Motion carried 3-0-0**

Meeting adjourned 6:55 PM

