

BFD BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2017 AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

PRESENT WERE: Board of Water Commissioners: Chairman David Jones, Commissioner Bassett, and Commissioner Stephen Whitmore. Also present: Superintendent Thomas Rooney.

- Meeting called to order at 3:00 P.M.
- Warrants and payrolls signed.
- Collectors End of Month Report reviewed and signed
- Superintendent's Projects Report reviewed

Chairman Jones asked for a motion to accept the previous Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to accept the Meeting Minutes from April 4, 2017, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.**

Solar Panel Update

Superintendent Rooney informed those present that he had not received any further information from the District's Attorney, Chuck Sabatt, regarding the solar panel tax issue. He went on to explain that the tax bill is approximately \$1,800.00 a quarter, and the Fire District tax is approximately \$500.00 dollars a quarter which was returned to CVEC. The remainder of the tax bill, \$1,300.00 has not been reimbursed to CVEC. Mr. Rooney informed those present that the unreimbursed portion of the tax bill will be approximately \$5,200.00 for fiscal year 2016. He expressed his concern that the monies need to be encumbered. Mr. Rooney reminded the Board that CVEC or the Barnstable Fire District can file a Notice of Dispute over the handling of the tax issue.

Chairman Jones recommended discussing the issue with the Prudential Committee.

Annual District Meeting

The Board reviewed the Annual Meeting Articles for the Water Department. Superintendent Rooney reviewed the tank inspection reports with the Board. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that the offtaker revenues from the solar project in Fiscal Year 2016 were \$26,000.00. He suggested that Board should request \$26,000.00 be added to the Article 22 for the Water Department's Stabilization Fund.

Chairman Jones recommended discussing the issue with the Prudential Committee.

End of the Fiscal Year Budget Review

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the Water Department Operations budget should finish on budget for the year.

Optional Meter Requests

The Board reviewed an Optional Meter request for 59 Salten Point Road, and 60 First Way. After some discussion, Chairman Jones asked for a motion to approve the request for 59 Salten Point Road. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the request, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. **The motion passed unanimously.** Chairman Jones asked for a motion to accept the request for 60 First Way. Commissioner Bassett **motioned** to approve the request, **seconded** by Commissioner Whitmore. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Abatement Requests

Collector Kim Vermette informed the Board that the owner of #2772 Main Street is asking for a reduction of their water usage charge due to a plumbing leak that flooded their basement. Collector Vermette suggested the customer be charged for the water used at the lowest usage rate. She informed the Board that the usage portion of the water bill would be reduced by \$500.00. After some discussion, Chairman Jones asked for a motion. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the abatement with the stipulation that the customer be notified that this is a one-time reduction, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Collector Vermette informed the Board that the owner of #3704 Main Street is asking for a reduction of their water usage charge due to a water service leak between their meter pit and their house. Superintendent Rooney explained that there is long run between meter pit and the house. Commissioner Bassett asked if the Water Department had checked the meter? Mr. Rooney responded that the meter was checked, and a new meter was installed. He went on to say that the Water Department told the homeowner that a leak could not be detected. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that the homeowner had agreed to replace the service line from the curb stop to the house, at the homeowner's expense. He further explained that the homeowner had warged to do away with the meter pit, and the water meter would be moved in to basement of the home. The Water Department is trying to do away with meter pits when possible. Superintendent Rooney recommended that the usage be charged at the lowest usage rate. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the abatement with the stipulation that the customer be notified that this is a one-time reduction, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. **The motion passed unanimously.**

2017 Water Use Restrictions

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the State of Massachusetts had rescinded the Drought Advisory, returning the region to normal conditions. Commissioner Bassett suggested the residents of the District be encouraged to continue to conserve water. Superintendent Rooney stated that the Water Department is required to encourage conservation. Commissioner Whitmore suggested that the Department thank the residents of the District for conserving water. Superintendent Rooney stated that the District would post a notice on the District's website, and we will out a note in the next bill statement.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the Water Department was taking samples from area the between the Barnstable Airport and Wells #2 and #5 to determine if there was PFOS in the vicinity. Mr. Rooney went on to say that the Water Department would also be checking for 1-4 Dioxane, and Volatile Organic Compounds. He informed the Board that the Water Department would conduct repeat sampling of the District's drinking water wells for 1-4 Dioxane.

There being no further business, Chairman Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Rooney*