

## **BFD BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

October 10, 2017 AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

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

- Meeting called to order at 2:30 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 Bassett **motioned** to accept the Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2017, **seconded** by Chairman Jones. The **motion passed unanimously.**

### **Hyannis Water System Proposed Well**

Town of Barnstable Department of Public Works Director Daniel Santos informed the Board that Hyannis Water Systems is exploring the possibility of installing new drinking water wells in an area controlled by the State of Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife adjacent to Mary Dunn Road. He went on to say that the area of land proposed falls within the boundaries of the Barnstable Fire District. Mr. Santos explained that the Town is trying to replace wells that have been polluted by the Barnstable County Fire Training Academy. He informed the Board that the Town is negotiating the Commissioner of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife to allow the installation of one or more wells. Mr. Santos explained that there would have to be a study to ensure that the ponds in the area would not be affected by the installation of the new wells. He also informed the Board that there would have to be another parcel of land put into conservation in exchanged for the land occupied by the newly installed wells.

Commissioner Bassett asked Mr. Santos how the legal aspects of a Town of Barnstable well in the Fire District would be handled, and if the new well could hinder the operation of the Barnstable Fire District Water Department? Mr. Santos informed those present that the Town's attorney had somewhat looked in to the legal issues, and found that there is no obvious legal difficulties. The Board suggested that the issue also be discussed with the District's Legal Counsel Charles Sabatt.

Superintendent Rooney informed those present that the proposed wells could affect the flow of ground water. Mr. Santos responded that a study of the effects of pumping on the ground water would be required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Superintendent Rooney asked Mr. Santos if there was any plan to discharge treated wastewater on the McManus property. Mr. Santos replied that he thought the possibility of discharging on the McManus site is dead. Mr. Rooney asked Mr. Santos if the water supply for the new dog park had been planned out? Mr. Santos responded that he was not aware of the water service plans for the Dog Park.

### **Solar Panel Update**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the District has not received any further information on the Personal Property Tax billing for the project. Commissioner Jones asked if the project was still producing revenue? Mr. Rooney responded that it was. Commissioner Basset asked why the District still had to pay CVEC? Mr. Rooney responded that a small adder was subtracted from the revenue produced by each Net Metering Credit.

### **Capital Improvement Projects**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that he was completing the quote specifications for the project, and he planned to put out a Request for Quotes using the Barnstable County Approved Trade Persons List which streamlines the process by removing some of the advertising requirements. Chairman Jones suggested contacting a paving acquaintance. Who has knowledge of the project to help with the development of the specifications.

### **Utility Cloud Update**

Superintendent Rooney presented the Board with progress report on the development of the Department's Utility Cloud program. Mr. Rooney explained the tasks that are being performed on the Utility Cloud program. He went on to say that the Department was in the process of scanning the District's water service drawings to the program. Mr. Rooney explained that the Department was refining the hydrant locations. Commissioner Whitmore asked how that was accomplished? Superintendent Rooney responded that a GPS location was obtained using an iPad. Mr. Rooney went on to say that the work order program, and the backflow program would be added to the program. Chairman Jones asked if all of the Servicepersons are able to utilize the Utility Cloud system? Mr. Rooney replied that they are.

### **Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the Department had discovered a billing error that resulted in The Village Green to be overbilled for their water usage. He went on to say that the Collector was still working on issue. Mr. Rooney discussed the results of the Department's lead and copper testing. Mr. Rooney discussed the addition of five blow offs added to the water system to assist in flushing. Mr. Rooney discussed the progress of the development projects in the District. He also discussed the issue of an unresponsive customer on Marstons Lane. Commissioner Bassett asked how much water was being used. Mr. Rooney explained that the water usage was very low. The Board decided not to take any further action on the issue.

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 3:35 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Thomas Rooney