

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

August 9, 2022, AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

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

- Meeting called to order at 2:30 P.M.
- Warrants and payrolls signed.

Chairman Bassett **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes for July 12, 2022, **seconded** by Commissioner Mason. The **motion passed unanimously.** Chairman Bassett **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes for July 12, 2022, **seconded** by Commissioner Mason. Commissioner Whitmore abstained. The **motion passed.**

### **Capital Projects Update**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the KOH tank replacement project warranty period has expired without any further leaks. Mr. Rooney explained that the 3,500-gallon Koh tank was replaced because of the tanks age which could lead to a failure. He explained that the supply connection to the tank was leaking after the new chemical storage tank was installed, and that the contractor replaced the connection, under warranty, to repair the leak.

Superintendent Rooney reported that the Emergency Interconnection Project to rebuild the vault at the Yarmouth town line is 90% complete. Mr. Rooney explained that additional supports to support the ceiling of the vault would be added as a precaution, the water meter will be installed, and the site will be repaired. He informed the Board that the berm at the edge off the roadway will be replaced, and the area will be relandscaped.

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the Well #1 project has not been completed. Robert B. Our is still working on the punch list that, developed by GZA engineers, and the water department is working on regulatory requirements for MassDEP. Mr. Rooney explained that the results water samples required by MassDEP have not been received so the facility cannot be approved to go into service.

Superintendent Rooney informed that Board that the Water Treatment Plant Project plans are approaching 90% completion. When The plans reach the 90% completion, then they will be forwarded to MassDEP for review and approval. Mr. Rooney informed that Board that the location of the fire line and hydrant locations were tentatively approved by Deputy Chief Beal. He informed the Board that the MEPA (Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act) review has been completed and the project was approved without any additional requirements. The project also received a plumbing waiver from the State Plumbing Board to reduce the number of showers from 2 to one. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that there will be a meeting in the morning to advance the WTP plans to 90% design threshold. He described the discussions regarding backwash water from the filtration that must enter a settling lagoon prior to being allowed to enter a leaking bed.

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that GZA is expecting a proposal from Woodard and Curran Engineering Inc. to provide the SCADA System components for the new facility.

### **Superintendent Search**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that one proposal for professional recruitment assistance to locate suitable candidate was received from the three organizations contacted. Mr. Rooney presented the proposal from Municipal Resources Incorporated. He discussed the services that would be provided by MRI and the costs of the various services. The Board asked the Superintendent to set up a meeting next week with MRI to discuss the process before the Board accepts the proposal.

### **Development projects in then District**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that development plans for the apartment complex on Wilkins Lane has been approved by the Cape Cod Commission Review, and at the Town of Barnstable Site Plan review.

Commissioner Mason asked, "Does the District assess impact fees for large developments because of the increased demand for services." Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones joined the Meeting to say that the District does not have impact fees.

Superintendent Rooney discussed the Service Connection Fee increases that were raised to address the increase in water system service to the water department's operations.

The Board discussed the increased demand on the water system to provide the amount of water required by apartment complexes in the District. The Board discussed their concern that the District's water supply will be unable to produce enough volume to meet the increased demand for water by residential developments.

### **Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated By The Chair**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the funds that he requested be transferred to the department's Operation Budget from the Department's Reserve Account will not be transferred because they Operation Budget was not expended.

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board Members that CVEC (Cape and Vineyard Electrical Collaborative) will be changing the schedule for the assessment of the adder fees for the oversite of the net metering units received from the District's solar panels.

There being no further business, Chairman Bassett asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mason **motioned** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Chairman Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Thomas Rooney