

BFD SPECIAL BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 14, 2023, at the Water Department office

PRESENT WERE: Board of Water Commissioners, Chairman Bassett, Commissioner Stephen Whitmore, and Commissioner David Mason. Prudential Committee Member Bill Jones. Also present: Superintendent Sean Anderson, Precinct 1 Town Councilor Gordan Star, District Resident Steve Rizzo, Cape Cod Beer, Inc. Owner Todd Marcus

- Meeting called to order at 2:30 PM
- Warrants to be signed.
- Commissioner Bassett **motioned** to accept the February 14th and 23rd minutes as written. The **motion was seconded** by Commissioner Whitmore and passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR AN ABATEMENT AT 27 TONELA LANE

- Homeowner called Sean from Florida saying his neighbor who was checking on the house could see water coming down through the ceiling. Superintendent Anderson asked Chuck to go over and shut the water off at the street.
- Approximately 200,000 gallons of water went through the meter.
- Owner wrote that house and all furniture was destroyed interior demo.
- Previously mentioned for abatement requests use the lowest tier rate for all the water use.
- Commissioner Whitmore suggested to ask the customer to provide us with insurance information of proof of or denial of coverage for the water used.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING MAY 10TH

Topics for Discussion

Oak Street Parcel Easement

- Superintendent Anderson asked Chuck Sabatt for an update on the Utility Easement for a District owned parcel at 586 Oak Street. Sabatt mentioned we need an article in the annual warrant, also concerned about compliance with the public procurement which he is looking into.
- Superintendent Anderson recommended asking Chuck Sabatt to word the article for the Easement.
- Prudential Committee Member Bill Jones asked are we selling it or giving it to them or is it an access Easement?

Article regarding the Commerce Road Project

- Water improvement from Harvey to 6A Pipe improvements from 6" to 8" Main.
- Existing Main is undersized with unlined cast iron and very old.
- If we don't do anything and they do the culvert project, there will be a moratorium and we won't be able to do anything for about 10 years.
- Superintendent Anderson requests to get funding for the project if the town were to get funding and move forward with the project.
- Superintendent Anderson is asking for 100,000 for Engineering.

SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING

- Steve Olson sent Superintendent Anderson an email stating that Michele Higgins from Mass DEP SRF is in the process of preparing a letter for Maria Pinaud. They approved everything an extension has been granted until October 31, 2023 to have contractor in place to start construction. Engineering fees for redesign are SRF reimbursable.
Engineering fees and OPM (Owners Project Manager) fees for original design are also SRF reimbursable. (50,000-65,000 in reimbursable)

- A Barnstable resident emailed Superintendent Anderson asking if they can submit an absentee ballot if they are away during the meeting. Answer is no. You need 25 people present in the room.

Capital Project Updates

- Station 1: Waiting to hear from Tom Gannon about the cost of fire suppression versus engineering to appeal it to the state.
- Getting it up to Building Code: (Fumed Hood above the chemicals running 24/7)
- Well 3 Redevelopment brought the capacity back from 7 gallons per minute per foot up to 19.8 gallons per minute per foot. Motor checked out great. Minor parts replacing stainless steel pump shaft and head shaft and servicing the right-angle gear drive. Also want to pressure wash the screen.
- Superintendent Anderson has a quote to replace roof and Azek trim at stations 2 and 5 at treatment building. Money will come out of the capital item, so it doesn't come out of budget. Dan Wagner is the contractor who Sean has recommended.

DEP SRF Reimbursable

- Todd from Cape Cod Beer, Inc. asked if the DEP SRF is a loan?
Sean replied that it is a 0.0% interest loan.
6.6% forgiveness up to 25% forgiveness depending on the DEP.
(Small amount considering the cost savings of the 10 million)

Prudential Committee member Bill Jones asked if the water commissioners be very careful with giving water hookups away due to the large apartment buildings/complex's that are going up.

Commissioner Mason **motioned** to adjourn the meeting; Chairman Bassett seconded the **motion**.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn H. Woodward