

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Tuesday, January 9, 2020

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at the offices of the Wannacomet Water Company, 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Commissioners present: Commissioners Allen Reinhard, Nonie Slavitz and Nelson Eldridge were present. Commissioners absent: None. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director, Denese Allen - Assistant Business Manager and Linda Roberts – Projects Coordinator.

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** The Commission accepted the agenda as printed by unanimous consent.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Acceptance of Minutes for December 12, 2019:** Motion was made by Commissioner Reinhard and seconded by Commissioner Slavitz, to approve the minutes for the December 12, 2019 meeting as presented and authorized the chair to sign.
5. **Production and Billing Report:** Mr. Willett presented the Production and Billing report to the Commission, stating water consumption is down over last FY but up for December showing a positive trend. We have had a mile December going into January and rainfall is up to 7.64 inches for this month. You have to go back 25 years to see this much rainfall for December. 2019 was a wet year. Mr. Willett has the scada station being upgraded as it requires Windows 10 to run updates. Billing is down 2.1% with better conservation of use. Sales of deduct meters and new connections continue. There will be a new lock box address noted in the January and February invoices and sewer rates increasing for January which will be noticed by customers when they pay their bills the middle of February.
6. **Director's Report:**
 - A. **North Liberty Update** - Mr. Willett informed the Commission the North Liberty Street Water Main replacement project is going a bit slower due to the necessary sewer work that the contractor has to dig and do. They are finding pavement in the areas of Derrymore, Grant Avenue and Nantucket Avenue to be very thin. Additional milling and overlay will drive the costs up. The Engineer from Haley and Ward has been here to get more information.
 - B. **Land swap with Land Bank** - Mr. Willett informed the Commission the plans are being worked out but he will need to do testing before finalizing.
 - C. **PFAS/PFOA Airport Sampling** – Mr. Willett will assist the Airport with regulatory testing requirements for PFAS (Polyfluoroalkyl) and PFOA (Perfluorooctanoic acid). The sampling/testing will start with areas affected by the fire-retardant spray foam use.

D. Office positions and adjustments – Mr. Willett informed the Commission that the Business Manager left last the island last Friday and will return for a couple of days in January. Everyone has stepped up and things are going smoothly. The plan is to move people up from within before looking outside. He is identifying the needs, time issues and where the gaps in service are during the next few weeks. After he develops a job description he will have the Town’s Human Resource department do an internal posting.

7. Execution of Contracts or Amendments if any pending: None at this time.

8. Commissioner’s comments and reserved for unforeseen items for discussion by the Chair:

- Mr. Willett will be meeting with people from Catherine Lane who are drawing the plans to extend water with a fire hydrant

9. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Reinhard, seconded by Commissioner Slavitz and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 AM. The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 8:00 AM at 1 Milestone Road.

Approved: Nelson Eldridge

Date: 2-14-2020

Meeting packet included 1/09/19 Agenda, Production and Billing Report and Minutes from the December 12, 2019 meeting.