

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Thursday, February 17, 2022

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, February 17, 2022 in the conference room, at the Wannacomet Water Company facilities at 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Commissioners present: Commissioners Allen Reinhard, Nonie Slavitz, Nelson Eldridge, Rob Benchley and Curtis Barnes were present. *Absent:* none. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director, Shelby Campbell - Business Manager, Linda Roberts – Projects Coordinator. *Public:* None.

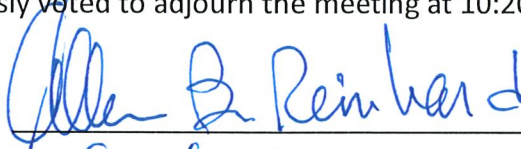
1. **Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Reinhard at 8:00 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Commissioner Eldridge motioned, and Commissioner Barnes seconded the agenda was unanimously accepted with the exception that the next meeting date will be on March 10, 2022.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Review of Minutes from December 9, 2021 and January 13, 2022** – Motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Benchley and unanimously approved the minutes as presented.
5. **Production and Billing and Rainfall Reports:** Director Willett reported the annual pumpage for 2021 was the highest recorded for gallons pumped for both Wannacomet and Siasconset. The 2015 and 2016 had an erroneous amount making the totals incorrectly reported. Sconset is almost back to normal for use before Covid in 2020. The low year rain fall has a direct correlation to the production year. The commissioners discussed connection fees for those having to tie in from the PFAS numbers. Those customers appreciate having payment plans.
6. **Directors review and updates:**
 - a. **Brewster Road and Surfside Road:** The Director reported a property owner on Brewster Road with possible two others are interested in tying into water. He is willing to pay for 400' of excavation and road repair to connect to town water. Another owner at 133 Surfside Road just passed Pochick is also interested in bringing water down several thousand feet. He is willing to pay for the excavation and repairs to the roads if Wannacomet provides the materials. These would be exactly as we have done on Raceway and other areas where Wannacomet will provide the materials. Director Willett is comfortable with these extensions but would like to wait for the hydraulic model to see what the impact is after doing the Airport area from Monohansett Road through Skyline Drive to Lovers Lane.
 - b. **Water Quality:** Discussion about water quality, PFAS testing and monitoring took place. Director Willett reviewed the regulatory measurements and reporting for PFAS. The discussion included PFAS and the school's plan for expanding and installing turf fields. Director Willett provided details of the proposal and what information has been provided by the consultants. He shared the concerns

raised by the PFAS Action Group and others. Director Willett reviewed Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Regulations regarding PFAS and what other schools and colleges have been doing regionally and nationally. Director Willett has asked for monitoring wells at the school now and into the future regardless of what the Nantucket Public Schools and Town decides to do. The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022 at 5 PM.

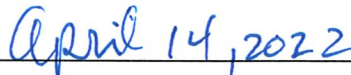
c. Employee Request: Jeffrey Johnsen will be retiring at the end of the month after 46 years of service to the Wannacomet Water Company. All other utility workers in the union or not have been provided the ability to take half of their sick time in pay up to the maximum at the time of retirement. The utility workers contract doesn't mention the sick pay buy back. Director Willett asked the commission to review the past practice and this request. Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Benchley and unanimously voted to pay Jeffrey Johnsen his sick time buy back. Commissioners expressed their gratitude for his years of service.

7. **Execution of Contracts of Amendments if any pending:** Director Willett informed the Commission that since Covid prices have increased significantly. Additionally, we have needed more inventory and have exceeded what we projected for the three-year contracts with EJ Prescott Company and TiSales. Without amending the contracts, we will not be able to purchase any additional materials. Business Manager Shelby Campbell explained that an amendment will cover the gap between the bidding process, so we can get through the purchases we need before the new contracts will be awarded. Motion was made by Commissioner Benchley, seconded by Commissioner Barnes to authorize the amendments. All Commissioners voted in favor apart from Commissioner Slavitz who abstained.
8. **Commissioner's comments and reserved for unforeseen items for discussion by the Chair:** None.
9. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Benchley and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM.

Approved: _____



Date: _____



Meeting packet included 2/17/22 Agenda, water production billing and rainfall reports.