

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Thursday, March 10, 2022

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, March 10, 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. *Public:* None.

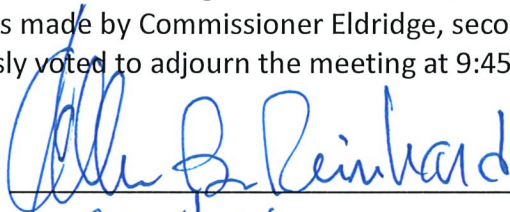
1. **Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Reinhard at 8:00 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Commissioner Eldridge motioned, and Commissioner Barnes seconded the agenda was unanimously accepted.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Review of Minutes from February 17, 2022** – Motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Benchley and unanimously approved the February 17 meeting minutes as presented.
5. **Production and Billing and Rainfall Reports:** Director Willett reported the Siasconset billing was down. With production down all over the crew have been flushing water lines.
6. **Directors review and updates:**
 - a. **Annual Reports Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection:** Director Willett is preparing the Annual reports to submit to Mass DEP. The youth hostel will be back on the public use testing list. The Youth Hostel was used for Lifeguard housing in 2021. Wannacomet continued water sampling while it was used for public supply but hasn't since it went private. Blue Flag will know their plans shortly and Director Willett will determine if they will be billed for future sampling. The structure may be demolished later in the spring with a new septic system being installed. The new owners are Blue Flag and Director Willett is working with their agent Dillon. They are proposing a boutique hotel.
 - b. **Water Quality:** Discussion about water quality, PFAS testing and monitoring took place. Director Willett reported that the school has put the turf fields on hold. A natural grass company may be used instead. A grass field could be done and ready for playing on in eight months. The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022 at 5 PM.
 - c. **West of Airport Water Mains:** Director Willett anticipates 76 connections if water goes down the Orkawa, Lovers Lane and Boulevard areas. CDM Smith has applied for a special grant to assist in funding for Seven Million Dollars. This would be a zero percent interest loan/grant which requires matching funds. We have 676 hydrants with an addition 8 to 10 being added in the Madequecham and 6 or 7 in the Richmond development areas.
 - d. **New Well Project:** The drilling rig crew should be back in April. There will be an 8x24 pump test well. After the drilling and pump testing will be completed, Director Willett

will submit to DEP for new source approval. This is a three to five-year project costing Three Million Dollars. A Capital request for the new pump station. Installation of the stainless-steel screen for the bottom of the well is holding up the project. Fiscal year 2024 will include planning for the pump station. We will need access to a certain portion of the \$6.8 million in retained earnings. Commissioner Slavitz commented on the use of retained earnings being able to provide some protection with escalating costs and an amount should be accessed through Annual Town Meetings. The Director will review present rates for different size taps and for fire services. Fiscal year 2021 budget projected 120 services. The actual number was 180. Budget projections for next year was set at 77 the Finance Director may lower that by Director Willett feels it will be closer to 120.

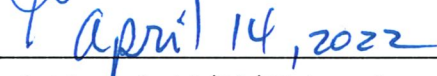
Rugged Road property is looking to extend the water in the easement through Cachalot for eight-20,000 square foot lots to be called Maple Lane. 35 units are proposed for the coffin property and 63 for Tacoma Way. Director Willett would like a couple of the Commissioners to meet with Nicholas Shuler from Mass. DEP. Nick has visited Wannacomet Water and Siasconset Nantucket a few times.

7. **Execution of Contracts of Amendments if any pending:** None.
8. **Commissioner's comments and reserved for unforeseen items for discussion by the Chair:** Discussion about the Wannacomet employee sick bank took place. Consensus was to allow employees to provide care for their immediate family members as well as for their own health. Director Willett will update sick bank letters and buy back options.
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 9:45 AM.

Approved: _____



Date: _____



Meeting packet included 3/10/22 Agenda, water production billing and rainfall reports.