

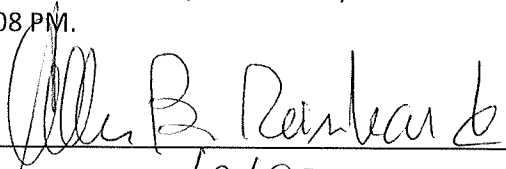
Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Thursday, May 12, 2022

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 in the conference room at the Wannacomet Water Company facilities at 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

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

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Reinhard at 2:33 PM. Commissioner Pearl was welcomed. Chairman Reinhard acknowledged the 33-year term that Commission Noreen Slavitz served. A suitable certificate will be prepared for her.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Motion was made to accept the agenda as presented by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge and unanimously accepted.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Review of Minutes April 14, 2022:** Motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge to approve the minutes of April 14, 2022, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes and approved with unanimously consent. Commissioner Barnes commended Ms. Roberts on the format.
5. **Production, Billing and Rainfall Reports:** Director Willett reported that production and billing was up for Siasconset. Pumping 1,000,000 gallons per day which is a little ahead of this time last year. Production and billing are up for Wannacomet. Rainfall is up and we are almost at half of the total precipitation over all of 2021. The USGS and the State are concerned about possible “slight drought” conditions and reporting less precipitation, which could result in water restrictions. Director Willett is reviewing where they are measuring from. Inventory and the cost of all supplies are beyond sky-high especially lead free and brass which are up 250%. Utility and fuel cost are escalating. Meters continue to be back ordered. We are holding off on selling meters for irrigation and wells until we can get supplies. Hydrant and hydrant parts are difficult to acquire Director Willett is working with the Vineyard, and Harwich and other Cape Cod water departments to talk about mutual aid for the lack of meters and materials. Retained earnings may have to be accessed. Discussion included having an annual request at town meeting for approval to access these funds. Director Willett requested Victor to return to North Liberty for paving and will be doing patching in Siasconset.
6. **Director’s review and update:**
 - a. **Washington & Frances Street** – Director Willett reported the relocation of the road at the intersection of Washington and Frances Streets. The Hydrant will be moved, and a base coat placed on the road surface for now. The water main will be done after the busy season.
 - b. **West of Airport Water Mains** – Director Willett reported that additional residences in this area have tied into town water. With the Town Meeting appropriation passing we are now eligible for the \$7.2 million-dollar PFAS impact grant. Surveying is being done in the Skyline, Webster and Orkawaw areas so we can go to bid and hope to do this in the late fall early winter. The plan will be to split Lovers Lane to the Boulevard and down to Pochick and connect back to Fairgrounds for good flow and fire protection. The ten-year capital plan will be dictated PFAS. New England Water Association is having a symposium with regulators on being proactive for getting water to areas impacted by PFAS.

- c. **Solar Project** – Director Willett provided the review of the proposed solar project with Sun Power. Commissioners reviewed the site plan and details about the scrub oak mitigation with the State Forest which was rejected by Governor Baker. Discussion about options and the projected savings and costs took place. The number of panels will be reduced and the battery backup with a Tesla was not best for the well field area. Director Willett hoped that if a mitigation fee had to be paid that a portion of it might be used for an on-island agency such as the Nantucket Landbank. Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Benchley and unanimously voted to try and have any mitigation fees paid be used on island.
 - d. **New Well Project** – Director Willett updated the Commissioners on the new well progress. The new screen that has taken seven months has come in and is being set at almost 200’ with a 24” casing. This will be our deepest well and will allow for the maximum pumpage.
 - e. **New Positions** – Director Willett needs assistance for engineering in house. He is having Rob West and Kyle Roberts assist with the DEP annual reports. Director Willett and Rob West do most of the auto cad records. Rob West continues to do field work, surveying and taking on more operations work formally done by Chris Pykosz. Rob West and Kyle Roberts are assisting with inventory and ordering. With the reduction in staff, we can look into funding an hybrid type position which would be part utility and part engineer. Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge and unanimously voted to create positions as needed. June 2019 was the last time staff were given merit pay. Motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Barnes to use the same scale as last time. This motion was unanimously voted.
7. **Execution of Contracts or Amendments if any pending** – None
8. **Commissioner’s Comments and Reserved for Unforeseen Items for Discussion not anticipated by the Chair.** Commissioner Eldridge discussed the need to have those who damage a hydrant pay for it. Discussion about removing landscape and growth around hydrants needs to be done.
9. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Pearl, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge and unanimously voted to adjourn at 4:08 PM.

Approved: 
 Date: 6/9/22

Meeting packet included 5/12/22 Agenda, water production billing and rainfall reports. The Solar NHESP Environmental Mitigation options, 1 Milestone Road site plan, Nantucket Water Dept Quarterly Financial Report for 03-31-22 and photographs of the new well work and water work being done at the corner of Washington and Francis Streets were shown as and reviewed as presented by the Director on the Mondo Pad.