

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Tuesday, May 31, 2022

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Tuesday, May 31, 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, and 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 8:00 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Motion was made to accept the agenda as presented by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Barnes and unanimously accepted.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Director's review and update:**
 - a. **Solar Project** – Director Willett provided the review of the proposed solar project with Sun Power. After exhausting all other options for mitigation two options have been made available.

Option 1 included a \$260,000 fee in lieu. Funds held in Town (or Project) account. Project identification and disbursement direction by DFW. Funds could be used for Species habitat improvement on and off island. One of six species is found exclusively on Nantucket, so at least 1/6 of funding will remain on island.

Option 2 included a \$430,000 endowment established, interest pas for annual mitigation expenses (est \$6300/yr, escalating through term. Risk that if actual expenses are > forecast, additional funds would be required for mitigation. Endowment principal returned at end of project term. Funds held in Town (or Project) account. Project identification and disbursement direction by Town with DFW oversight.

The options were discussed and reviewed weighing in the pros and con for each. Permitting consideration and recommendations and the economic impacts were reviewed and discussed. It is hoped that this might put off the need for a third cable for some measure of time and could provide the Town with \$5.86 million dollars in economic benefit. Commissioners Barnes and Reinhard emphasized the benefits for the community as a whole.

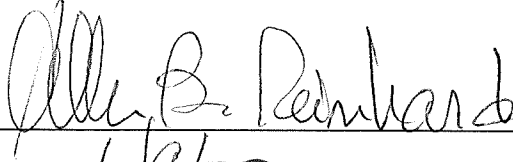
Well 14 Lightning Hit and Update on New Well Project – Director Willett updated the Commissioners on the new well progress. We were lucky that the well drilling crew and crane truck were here last week as the motor for well 14 died. They were able to find a 100 hp motor in Michigan. The well died due to a lightning strike despite our lightning protection that is in place. Director Willett is working with the Finance Director for the funding and approval for the emergency repair.

Water Main Break – A water main break was discovered over the weekend at Main Street and South Water near the old Nobby Shop. This will be fixed today or tomorrow

North Liberty Drainage is being moved to the unpaved portion and Victor Brandon will be doing the work soon.

5. **Execution of Contracts or Amendments if any pending** – None.
6. **Commissioner's Comments and Reserved for Unforeseen Items for Discussion not anticipated by the Chair.** None.
7. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Barnes and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 AM. The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 8 AM.

Approved: _____



Date: _____



Meeting packet included 5/31/22 Agenda. The Solar NHESP Environmental Mitigation options, and site plan were shown as and reviewed as presented by the Director on the Mondo Pad.