

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Thursday, July 8, 2021

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, July 8, 2021 in the conference room at the Wannacomet Water Company, 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

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

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Reinhard at 8:02 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Commissioners accepted the agenda as printed by unanimous consent.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Review of Minutes from June 24, 2021** – After the meeting minutes for June 24, 2021 were reviewed a Motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Benchley and voted to approve the minutes as presented.
5. **Production and Billing Report:** Director Willett reported that June was the highest history for production in the history of the Wannacomet Water Company with 628,000 gallons of water which is 101,000 gallons more than 2020. Yesterday we hit 4.3 million gallons of water pumped and anticipate being over four million gallons for four to five days per week in the next few weeks. Well 15 is off for now the others are pumping 23 to 24 hours per day. The well drillers had to stop for now as there was no place for them to stay. All inns and rental houses are full. Sconset production is also up 24 percent with only a few homes without use. Rainfall is down for June with a little over an inch this past month. On Monday and Friday, we checked the drought monitoring well at Russell's Way and it was five to six inches above the drought line. Director Willett spoke about having Dr. Person returning to run models. The new well approval will take five years. The new source approve is a long process. The new Department of Environmental Protection Nicholas Shuler is coming to the Island today. He is the replacement for Chuck Shurtleff who is retiring.
6. **Directors review and updates:**
 - a. **Solar power at Wannacomet Water:** Director Willett updated the commissioners on the solar proposed solar power. Town Counsel is working administratively to change the map of the National Association of Agricultural as they show Wyers Valley as agricultural use. Mr. Willett continues to work with the Land Bank and Natural Heritage with mitigation of scrub oaks. Samples of the solar panels are being tested. Mr. Willett continues to work with the Monomoy home owners and other groups opposing the solar power at the proposed site.

b. WWCO PFAS / Sconset PFAS: The tests came back negative except for well 15. When water combined the blended water from all pumps no PFAS was detected. Suspicion is now that it may be from pipe dope and Teflon tape.

c. Airport PFAS Project: Wannacomet Water continues to provide assistance for the Airport. Discussion about the locations with the highest traces are being the priority for having the water main brought down. The Airport is working with CDM Smith consulting and sampling the areas to determine how far into the neighboring properties they will need to go. PFAS on your plate diagram was handed out to show concentrations of PFAS in food sources we eat every day. Testing of PFAS at the landfill treatment facility is being done. The Airport, the Town's PFAS committee and consultants have yet to determine where the funds will come from for the water line expansion.

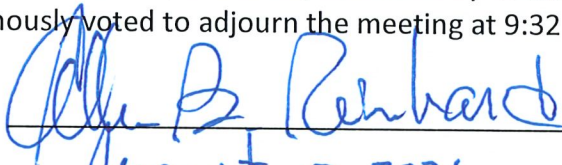
d. Review of annual fire fees: Wannacomet Water has held to the existing low annual fire services fees. Director Willett will be reviewing this and returning with recommendations later in the year.

Other Topics: Director Willett reported on the lighting storm and strikes at the tanks which blew out the communication systems. Mr. Willett had to spend several hours during the storm and after manually check each tank to be sure they were operating. The backordered meters should be arriving any day.

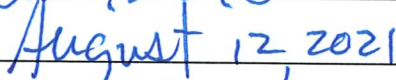
Execution of Contracts of Amendments if any pending: None pending. Director Willett is authorized to sign all contacts under \$50,000. Contract over that threshold go before the commission for signature.

7. **Commissioner's comments and reserved for unforeseen items for discussion by the Chair:** None.
8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by the Chair, seconded by Commissioner Benchley and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 AM.

Approved: _____



Date: _____



Meeting packet included 07/08/21 Agenda, the minutes from 6/24/21; water production billing and rainfall reports; PFAS on your plate handout.