

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Friday, February 14, 2020

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Friday, February 14, 2020 at the offices of the Wannacomet Water Company, 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Commissioners present: Commissioners Allen Reinhard, Nonie Slavitz and Nelson Eldridge were present. Commissioners absent: None. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director, Chris Pykosz – Operations Manager, Denese Allen - Business Manager, Linda Roberts – Projects Coordinator and Lauren Sinatra the Energy Coordinator for the Town of Nantucket.

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** The Commission accepted the agenda as printed by unanimous consent. *Item 6B was taken up first to accommodate guests.
3. **Public Comment:** None present.
4. **Acceptance of Minutes for January 9, 2020:** Motion was made by Commissioner Reinhard and seconded by Commissioner Slavitz, to approve the minutes for the January 9, 2020 meeting as presented and authorized the chair to sign.
5. **Production and Billing Report:** Mr. Willett presented the Production and Billing report to the Commission. The positive trend continues for Production from December and billing is up seven percent. Rainfall is still higher than in past years. Next week's use will be low with school vacation.
6. **Director's Report:**
 - A. **North Liberty & Ray's Court Update** - Mr. Willett informed the Commission the North Liberty Street Water Main is moving forward with mostly sewer work being done now. Whereas the sewer department is working on Ray's Court he plans on replacing water services while the road is open.
 - B. ***Solar power at Wannacomet Water Co.** - Lauren Sinatra who is the Energy Coordinator for the Town of Nantucket introduced herself to the Commissioners and provided an in-depth review of the Town's procurement requirements and the lengthy process that evolved to obtain bids to provide solar energy for the Town. Ms. Sinatra conferenced in Mr. McCarthy from the SunPower Corporation. Mr. McCarthy explained that SunPower Corporation is unique in that they manufacture their own modules as well as install and maintain them. Several spreadsheets and analysis were presented which included details of the costs including lease options and the maximum amount of energy and benefits each option would provide. Commissioners were able to express their concerns about protecting the well field and impacts on the well zone. Mr. Willett answered questions about DEP requirements with distances. Mr. McCarthy answered questions to the economics and logistics for each option. Mr. McCarthy stated that the panels can be cleaned with water

and to mitigate the carbon foot print local species of pollinator plants are used for a vegetative cover. Discussion included fencing off the area and access points. The Commissioners will review the material and information provided.

- C. **Midland Plans & Bid** – Mr. Willett informed the Commission that Haley and Ward have received requests for the plans and bid documents from several local and off island contractors. The bids will be opened next Thursday.
- D. **Help with Airport PFAS Project** – The Airport has hired a professional to determine what wells need to be sampled. He recommended they sample Madequecham in May.
- E. **Fire Service Rates up 4%** - Commissioners reviewed the following rates: Annual Fire Service, turn on/turn off fees and cross connection inspections. It was recommended to increase the annual fire service charges 4% across the board and to increase the turn on or off fees and cross connection inspections. Motion was made by Commissioner Reinhard, seconded by Commission Slavitz and unanimously voted to authorize the Director to increase and round up the amounts effective July 1, 2020.

- 7. **Execution of Contracts or Amendments if any pending:** None at this time.
- 8. **Commissioner's comments and reserved for unforeseen items for discussion by the Chair:** Mr. Willett received 40 applications for the Customer Service position posted on the Town's website. Discussion about an on-island lab took place. The shellfish advisory board have a potential donor. Mr. Willett suggested Wyers Valley as a potential location which offers sufficient space.
- 9. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Reinhard, seconded by Commissioner Slavitz and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 AM. The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 8:00 AM at 1 Milestone Road.

Approved: Nelson Eldridge
Date: 3-12-20

Meeting packet included 2/14/20 Agenda, Production and Billing Report and Minutes from the January 9, 2020 meeting.