

Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners

Virtual Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday August 29, 2023; 4PM

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jim Hood, Chair; Tom Flynn, Curt Felix, Neil Gadwa, Peter Simon.

Others Present: Karen Plantier, Eric Smith, Paul Millett, Adam Bertrand, Sabrina Castaneda, Brian Condrey, Jude Ahearn and Gail Ferguson.

Chair Hood called the meeting to order at 4:05

Pole Dike Road Culvert – Paul Millett looked at the Memo from Herring River Project spoke about the project. Paul recommended that the culvert should have the water pipe underground. It would be underground and be safely below the frost line. The water line would be 10 to 11 feet underground. However, the Commissioners felt that the pipe should be above the ground, it would be cheaper to put the water line above ground.

Motion: Tom Flynn To accept the recommendation to install the water main below the culvert approx. ten feet below ground in a concrete sleeve. **Second:** Curt Felix **Vote:** 3/1/1

Coles Neck Wellfield Update – Sabrina Castaneda

They have drilled the additional satellite well. 3S has been drilled. Electric and control panel for well 3R & 3S. They will be working on Well 2 this week. Well 2 will be abandoned this week. Mid-September to late September should be up and running. Well tested out at a yield of 2 million gallons per day (mgd). 100,000 gallons per day and could go higher or 1000 gallons per minute. If the demand goes over 100,000 a day, we will have to go back to DEP. The DEP limits us to 100,000 per day. DEP will come out and provide us with their approval and then it will be sampled and tested. After the blessing and testing the well will be in the rotation.

95 Lawrence Road has several issues and large expenses that need to be paid for.

A 12-inch water main needs to be moved and who is paying for the moving of the water line. (\$200K to \$300K expense) Hydrants need to be put in and there needs to be a water loop in the development. The question now being posed is who is paying for all this work. This will need to be put on the agenda at a future time.

White Water Update – Eric Smith & Brian Condrey

Eric sent out a report on the update of what is happening with town water per White Water. Request for a year-over-year analysis of water consumption and a monthly pumping level verses what we are selling. We need to understand if we are losing water. We will be able to look for unaccountable water.

Squires Pond Lane – Paul Millett

The installation of the Water Main was done very well and quickly. The road has been paved. Need water quality data and pressure test results. Plumber will be installing the meter today / tomorrow.

Rates & Fees Update – Summary report will come by the end of the week.

Water Meter Replacement Update - We have 50 Meters upgraded to date. 40 meters were installed by Roughly Mechanical and 10 were installed when summer water was turned on for summer homes.

Update on Billings/Delinquent Accounts –

A total of 5 delinquent 10-year Lien customers who are one year or more late in paying their loan. The total comes to \$17K from these 5 accounts.

10 Year Liens – We are down to 24 accounts which will all be completed by 2030. (\$58K in total)

Delinquent in water usages bills: If they did not pay their water bill, they were not allowed to get a beach permit or a transfer station sticker. The total amount of outstanding water usage bills is \$12K as of July 30.

There is only one account that is delinquent of over \$500 and over 120+ days overdue. This account is 5 Holbrook. At the next meeting the Water Commissioners will discuss how they want to handle shutting off their water. 5 Holbrook is requesting Conservation Committee for things. We should contact the Conservation Committee on 5 Holbrook and ensuring that they know about the water bills outstanding.

Minutes: June 27, 2023, will be revisited at the next meeting

Next meeting: Sept 12, 2023

Closed meeting: 5:30 pm

Motion: Curt Felix To adjourn the meeting **Second:** Neil Gadwa **Vote:** 5/0