

DENNIS WATER DISTRICT

Board of Water Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting held

April 14, 2022

A meeting, having been duly posted, was held this date at the Dennis Water District, 80 Old Bass River Road, South Dennis and called to order by Chair Paul F. Prue, at approximately 10:04AM. Water Commissioners Peter L. McDowell and Alan Tuttle was present. Also present were David Larkowski, Superintendent and Sheryl A McMahon, Treasurer.

Review and Sign Annual District Meeting Warrant for April 26, 2022, at 6:00 PM

The Board had received an electronic copy of the warrant calling for the Annual District Meeting. On a motion made by Alan Tuttle and duly seconded, the Board **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to sign the warrant calling for the Annual District Meeting to be held April 26, 2022, and to authorize the use of facsimiles of their signatures for posting purposes.**

Review Superintendent's Update on Groundwater Levels and Consider Possible Change in the "State of Water Conservation" Status.

A preliminary discussion ensued regarding irrigation timers and people's ability to change them in accordance with water use restrictions that are in effect. Mr. McDowell raised the issue that there may be some that are older or seniors that are not able to change the settings. Mr. Larkowski said that people will have to learn to manage their timers or replace them if they are outdated. He said we will work, as we always have, with our customers.

The Superintendent was asking the Board to consider rescinding their previous declaration of a mandatory two-day per week restriction and go to an odd/even mandatory watering restriction like last year. He reviewed the current status of groundwater levels and distributed a copy of the USGS well in Brewster. He provided the amounts of rainfall that were over or under the average for the months of September through December of 2021. February and March this year were in deficit. Last year, we had 52" of rainfall, which is average. However, we started the year in a deficit and the wells have not recovered to a comfortable normal condition. Although we are not there yet, the trend is going in the right direction as opposed to last year when it was below normal and the trend was going down. Mr. Larkowski felt we were in a better position now then at the same time last year. Some of the District wells are seeing steady improvement and there are some that have not yet made a recovery. He said that six wells are in the process of being cleaned and that the recovery in those wells is near capacity. Mr. Larkowski recommended that the Board reconsider doing what Brewster and Harwich are doing and that is a mandatory odd/even watering restriction. He said the State has us at a "Normal" status. He further advised that the District will get the word out on the updated restriction status by including it on the annual Post Card mailing for the Consumer Confidence Report; a newspaper article covering the three towns as well as social media and perhaps the Town's website as well. On a motion made by Alan Tuttle and duly seconded, the Board **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to rescind the mandatory two-day per week outdoor watering restriction and declare a mandatory odd/even outdoor watering restriction schedule for May 1 through September 30.**

Minutes of March 21, 2022

On a motion made by Alan Tuttle and duly seconded, the Board **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to accept the minutes of March 21, 2022, as presented.**
Adjournment

On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell and duly seconded, the Board **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 10:35AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl A McMahon, Clerk