

# DENNIS WATER DISTRICT

## *Board of Water Commissioners*

Minutes of Meeting held

*April 10, 2008*

A meeting, having been duly posted, was held this date at the main offices at 80 Old Bass River Rd., S Dennis. The meeting was called to order by Edward A. Crowell, Chairman at 4:08 PM. Water Commissioner Paul F. Prue and Charles F. Crowell were present along with the following District officials:

David Larkowski, Superintendent  
Sheryl A. McMahon, Clerk & Treasurer

Chairman Crowell welcomed Mr. Sakellis to the meeting who was present to request a Leak Abatement due to a high water bill. Mr. Sakellis had a new lawn irrigation system installed the prior year. They discussed the possible reasons why there could have been a large amount of unaccounted for water. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize a credit in accordance with the Board's Leak Abatement Policy in the amount of \$1,174.35 to Mario Sakellis of 18 Lower County Road, Dennisport, Account No. 02470.***

Ms. McMahon provided a brief review of a customer's request for an adjustment to a water bill which is much greater than their average usage. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize a credit in accordance with the Board's Leak Abatement Policy in the amount of \$812.20 to Thomas Capizzi at 197 Division Street, Dennisport, Account No. 04366.***

Ms. McMahon provided a brief review of a customer's request for an adjustment to a water bill which is much greater than their average usage. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize a credit in accordance with the Board's Leak Abatement Policy in the amount of \$36.20 to Edward Gales of 25 Olivia Walker Way, South Dennis, Account No. 10072.***

Ms. McMahon provided a brief review of a customer's request for an adjustment to a water bill which is much greater than their average usage. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize a credit in accordance with the Board's Leak Abatement Policy in the amount of \$294.85 to Nancy Baker at 8A Beach Hills Road, Dennisport, Account No. 13967.***

Ms. McMahon provided a brief review of a customer's request for an adjustment to a water bill which is much greater than their average usage. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize a credit in accordance with the Board's Leak Abatement Policy in the amount of \$45.30 to Hope Bryant at 10 Brooksweld Lane, West Dennis, Account No. 02375.***

Mr. Larkowski distributed the results of the opening on the filed sub-bids for the Iron & Manganese Treatment Plants. He advised the Board that the amounts shown on the canvas of bids are not necessarily telling of the final results because any of the sub-bids could be used by any general contractor provided that the general contractor is the lowest bidder. He also reviewed the restricted bids.

Restricted sub-bids reserve for themselves who they will work under. Mr. Larkowski reviewed the results of the sub-bids compared to the estimates provided by Earth Tech, Inc. He also reviewed several of the addendums that have been issued for the general contractors.

The Superintendent advised that one of the roads to be cut in from Station 9 near Grassy Pond Road crosses an area identified by Natural Wildlife Heritage (NWH) as an area of concern due to some known rare or endangered species. Mr. Larkowski stated that the NWH is not taking any action on the proposed work in that area. He further advised that he will be filing a Notice of Intent with the Dennis Conservation Commission for the water main work on Run Pond Road. The filing is necessary due the scope of work being in such close proximity to Run Pond. He also noted that the power line easements are being processed. The plan is almost ready to send to the Ulrich's for their review. He did not anticipate any problem with the Ulrich's approval of the easement to the District.

Mr. Larkowski discussed with the Board this management and oversight of the treatment project. The prevailing wage being paid to operators is \$54.49. The Superintendent's hourly rate is \$47.40. While he is not requesting any salary adjustment during regular hours, he requested time and one-half based on \$60.00 per hour as a base rate for working on Saturdays. The Board members considered this an equitable solution to the variance in pay scales and on a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to approve a base rate of \$60 per hour for overtime compensation for the Superintendent while working on the Iron and Manganese Treatment Plant project.***

Ms. McMahon advised that at this time the Board of Selectmen has reconsidered placing an article on the Town Meeting Warrant to adopt Chapter 32B, Section 18 which would require Medicare qualified employees to enroll in Medicare Part B. The reason for postponing consideration was the desire to request an actuarial study of the cost implications to the Town and the retirees as well as obtaining the opinion of a newly established Insurance Advisory Committee. Ms. McMahon also advised that there is pending legislation that would provide for a grandfathering of those retirees already retired and on active plans. On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to postpone the placement of an article on the Annual District Warrant for the adoption of Chapter 32B, Section 18 until a future meeting. Board to re-consider adoption of Motion to postpone placing an article on the warrant for the adoption of Chapter 32B, Section 18 at Annual District Meeting.***

Ms. McMahon advised that she had met with Representative Cleon Turner regarding the Board's intention to file for legislation to become a wastewater District. She also stated that they discussed the combining of the Town and District election on the same ballot. He advised that both the District and the Town vote on articles that would approve the combined election and to seek legislation to accomplish this if necessary. A question was asked as to what would happen if there was a need to conduct a Special District Election. Ms. McMahon said that the Town would be responsible for conducting the election but, the cost of said election could be assumed by the District. The Commissioners intent is not to have the Town assume any costs associated with conducting a District election. Therefore, on a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adopt the position that the direct costs incurred by the Town on behalf of the District for any Special District Election or Ballot Question, so called by the Board of Water Commissioners or by petition of the District voters, shall be paid for by the District.***

The Board of Water Commissioners reviewed the Annual District Warrant for 2008. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to sign the Annual District Warrant and instruct the District Clerk to post said Warrant in accordance with the District's Bylaws.***

With no further business before the Board, the Water Commissioners signed the accounts payable warrants and on a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 PM.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl A. McMahon, Clerk