

DENNIS WATER DISTRICT

Board of Water Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting held

October 16, 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 4:15 PM. Water Commissioner Paul F. Prue and Charles F. Crowell were present along with the following District officials and individuals:

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

Kristen Berger, Earth Tech Inc
Paul McCormick, Selectman, CWMP Task Force Chairman

Mr. Larkowski provided an update on the Iron and Manganese Removal Project. He noted that Bill Gallarani of Earth Tech is here regularly. The filters are on order and delivery is expected at the end of the month. After the filter vessels are set up the metal buildings will be erected around them. At the north side plant there are only a couple more concrete pours remaining to be done. He further reported that the District crews are doing a fantastic job and progress is moving at a remarkable pace. They are doing an excellent job on constructing the backwash lagoons as well. The surge release valve is in place. Mr. Larkowski said that we are above and beyond what any one expected especially considering the concerns the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) expressed prior to the projects approval. Chairman Crowell inquired as to what company would be constructing the buildings. Mr. Larkowski advised that Kinsmen Corporation is the general contractor and is responsible for erecting the metal buildings. They expect to have them enclosed before Thanksgiving. It is unlikely that any outside painting will be accomplished prior to the hard winter months.

Ms. Berger discussed with the Board the status of the contracting opportunities with Minority and Women Business (WBE and MBE) owned entities as contractors for this project. While there are plenty of women owned businesses DEP has inquired as to what our plans were for attracting MBEs to the project work. She noted that the installation of fencing is a possible contract award. There are four certified MBE companies for fencing and the goal for the District is to seek out those businesses to meet the recommended percentage of MBEs.

Mr. Larkowski advised the Board that the easement document for NSTAR was complete. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant an easement to NSTAR necessary for the construction work on the Iron and Manganese Treatment Project.***

Ms. McMahon reviewed her requests for abatement of outstanding charges for accounts that she has virtually no chance of collecting.

On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to abate the outstanding charges on Account No. 12471, formally owned by June L Floren, 50B Depot Street in the amount of \$427.73 as this is now a Town of Dennis Tax Title Possession which is being auctioned by the Town.***

On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to abate the outstanding charges on Account No. 10647, Starline Structures, 36 Mild Bay Circle in the amount of \$646.03, in light of the fact that the building was ordered demolished by the Board of Selectman and is currently in tax title foreclosure.***

On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to abate the outstanding charges billed under Account No. 00001 to GEICO Car Insurance for an emergency markout on 2/27/08 for an motor vehicle accident with an out-of-state operator and owner in the amount of \$126.00 as pursuing legal means of collection would result in more expense than the outstanding charges.***

Ms. McMahon reviewed the FY 2008 certified "Free Cash" which she reported as \$781,691. She also reviewed the investments of the District and advised that the greatest majority of funds were secured by the increased FDIC insurance and DIF savings bank insurance. Other investments were of high quality although some were out for a longer period than is statutorily allowed. She was working on reducing the number of those investments as they mature rather than take any losses of principal.

Mr. McCormick advised the Water Commissioners that the CWMP Task Force has requested that the Board of Selectmen establish a committee to study the potential for a regionalized wastewater treatment plant to be located in Dennis. The Board discussed this topic at length. There was a consensus that instead of establishing another committee, the present Task Force should be involved in studying and evaluating opportunities for regionalizing wastewater management and infrastructure. Mr. McCormick thanked the Board for sharing their views.

Ms. McMahon provided a draft of special legislation as crafted by Nate Weeks of Stearns & Wheler, Attorney John Crenney and with further input from Representative Cleon Turner. Representative Turner has requested that the Water Commissioners ask the Board of Selectmen to take a formal vote acknowledging and giving their assent to having the District file legislation which would preempt the Town from creating a sewer system under Chapter 40N. On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to forward the draft legislation to Town of Dennis Board of Selectmen and request that they vote to acknowledge and assent to the District's intention to assume authority and responsibility for wastewater management and infrastructure to the extent that it is in the best interest of the inhabitants and business of Dennis.***

With no further business before the Board, the Commissioners signed the Accounts Payable Warrants and on a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn their meeting at approximately 5:15 PM.***

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl A. McMahon, Clerk