

# DENNIS WATER DISTRICT

## *Board of Water Commissioners*

Minutes of Meeting held

***February 25, 2010***

A meeting, having been duly posted, was held this date at the Dennis Senior Center, 1045 Rte 134, E Dennis. The meeting was called to order by Paul F. Prue, Chairman at 6:25 PM. Water Commissioners Charles F. Crowell and Peter L. McDowell were present along with the following District officials:

David Larkowski, Superintendent

Sheryl A. McMahon, Clerk & Treasurer

PUBLIC INFORMATION & COMMENT - None

CUSTOMER ISSUES - None

UPDATE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

Ms. McMahon reported that the H1140, a bill for combining the District and Town election, has been engrossed by the Senate and will be reviewed by a joint committee to review the Senate's amendments for final adoption. She anticipates that the special act will be passed in sufficient time for a combined election to take place May 2010.

A member of the Town of Dennis Alternative Energy Committee asked that the Board of Water Commissioners formally request that the Board of Selectmen support a change in zoning regulations for Wind Energy. The proposed by-law amendments will enable the District to construct a wind turbine of a size not currently allowed. On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to support the Alternative Energy recommendations for the Wind Energy By-law changes as drafted by the Town Planner.***

FY 2011 BUDGET

Mr. Larkowski reviewed proposed changes to the Operating and Maintenance Budget: Line Item 5000-13 Treasurer's Expense to be reduced from \$5,000 to \$4,000 and to increase line item 5000-17 Postage Expense from \$20,000 to \$21,000 expense for not net difference. Under Capital Expenditures – Miscellaneous Equipment he recommended an increase from \$6,000 to \$9,000 for the purchase of three Versaprobes. The Versaprobes are a critical component of the meter reading system. The replacement of the Chemical Tanks was originally planned to be a \$24,000 annual expenditure for several years. If the District purchases five or more tanks, the price per tank decreases from \$7,200 to \$5,990. Mr. Larkowski recommended an appropriation of \$33,350 and to plan for another \$33,350 appropriation next year in order to complete the replacement of all the bulk chemical tanks. The District will save approximately \$12,000 by purchasing them over two years instead of the original four-year plan.

On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, it was ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to recommend a FY 2011 Operating and Maintenance Budget of \$3,012,087, for General Expenses \$1,217,010, for Capital Expenditures \$208,350 and to transfer \$150,000 from the "Free Cash" to the Stabilization Fund for a total FY 2011 budget of \$4,595,403.*** Mr. McDowell said that he was concerned about the projected growth of the account charge and the water rates.

On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to set a date of March 25, 2010, to meet with the District Finance Committee to review the FY 2011 Budget.***

On a motion by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board UNANIMOULSY VOTED: to recess their regular monthly meeting subject to the calling by the Chair (6:45 PM).

#### SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING

The Chairman reconvened the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM.

#### WIND POWER FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Larkowski reviewed the Wind Power Feasibility Study request for proposal process for the Board. The proposals received were reviewed by Mr. Larkowski and Ms. McMahon and a matrix was used to independently evaluate all of the proposals. It was noted that the criteria used were identified in the request and that the proposals for the scope of work were opened and evaluated first. Once a ranking of the proposals was completed the separately submitted price proposals were opened. It was the recommendation of the evaluators that the scope of work proposed by Boreal Renewable Energy Development met all of the minimum criteria, was qualified to provide the work. It was further noted that, although rTerra provided a quoted price \$2,500 less than Boreal, rTerra was ranked as being the least advantageous and was not providing the same level of analysis that was included in the Boreal proposal. On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOULSY VOTED: to award the Wind Power Feasibility Study to Boreal Renewable Energy Development at the quoted price of \$41,500.***

On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and seconded by Charles F. Crowell, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (7:48 PM): to adjourn from public session to conduct an Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 39, Section 23(b)(3) regarding legal strategy for pending litigation and not to return to open session. The Chairman having called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:***

***Charles F. Crowell – “aye”***

***Peter L. McDowell – “aye”***

***Paul F. Prue – “aye”***

For the record, the Executive Session was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl A McMahon, Treasurer