

DENNIS WATER DISTRICT

Board of Water Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting held

April 12, 2007

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 4:07 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

Ms. McMahon requested that the Board abate the return check fees assessed to the Jacob Sears Library, Acct. No. 00338. She explained that apparently there was a mix up with moving funds from their trust account to their checking account. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to abate the returned check bank fees and charges for the Jacob Sears Library in East Dennis.***

The Treasurer presented a request for a Leak Abatement for high water usage by Rita J. Philbin, Acct. No. 03376, 61 Summer Street, and Dennisport. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to approve a credit in accordance with the Board's Leak Abatement Policy of \$317.50 for the account of Rita J. Philbin at 61 Summer Street, Dennisport, Account No. 03376.***

The Treasurer presented a request for a Leak Abatement for high water usage by Jean Cleary, Acct. No. 03549, 20 Baxter St, South Dennis. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to approve a credit in accordance with the Board's Leak Abatement Policy of \$99.00 for the account of Jean Cleary, 20 Baxter St, South Dennis, Account No. 03549.***

The Treasurer presented a request for a Leak Abatement for high water usage by Edward P. Doherty, Acct. No. 01145, 2 Trotters Lane, W Dennis. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to approve a credit in accordance with the Board's Leak Abatement Policy of \$252.25 for the account Edward P. Doherty at 2 Trotters Lane, W Dennis, Account No. 03549.***

Mr. Larkowski advised that a service truck with a utility body is proposed to be traded for a new truck after District Meeting approval. A month ago it started using a lot of oil. The successful bidder is still willing to take the truck with the bad engine but, for a

reduced value of \$1,500. The budget and the warrant are set and cannot be altered at this time. Therefore, the Treasurer recommended that the Board continue to award the bid with the revised trade-in value and to transfer the difference from the current year's Reserve Fund. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to transfer from the Reserve Fund an amount to cover the difference between the original trade-in value as quoted for the service truck when the new truck is purchased from the dealer after the Annual District Meeting.***

The Superintendent advised the Board that the bids on the Tank Painting are due on April 23. The Board discussed how the paint is selected and delivered as well as how the decision will be made on the lowest eligible and responsible bidder. Mr. Larkowski assured the Board members that he would be watchful for the principal of the company that did the painting of the West Dennis tank. He also assured them that there is considerable precedence that will allow the District to disregard a bid if the District's own experience indicates that it would be in the District's best interest to do so.

Mr. Larkowski reminded the Board that the Public Hearing on the Iron & Removal Project is scheduled for this evening at the Dennis Senior Center. He discussed the progress of the Pilot Study. He explained that the study will determine if the Greensand Plus or the LaneOx system is best suited for treating Dennis' water supply. He further advised that since we are anticipating doing 10 wells instead of 8 the two treatment facilities will remove 68% of the iron and manganese currently entering the distribution system.

Ms. McMahon reviewed the historical usage of the Town Accounts as well as how much is being discounted as free or at a reduced rate. Based on a complete review and analysis the Treasurer and Superintendent distributed a revised schedule for the Board's consideration. The revised schedule would allow the same amount of free water for similar types of purposes. An example would be the baseball fields in various town settings. The Board had previously voted that the Beaches, Harbors and Golf Courses will be billed the full rate for their water usage as these are business-like activities that are supported by user fees. There was no action taken to change this policy. The list also included several non-profit entities such as civic groups and garden clubs. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to approve a revised schedule of allowable water usage at no charge to various municipal and non-profit accounts and to bill all excess amount at the production rate as determined annually by the Board..***

With no further business before the Board, the Water Commissioners signed the Accounts Payable Warrants and on a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn their meeting at 5:32 PM.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl A. McMahon, Clerk