

# DENNIS WATER DISTRICT

Board of Water Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting held

April 22, 2010

A meeting, having been duly posted, was held this date at the Dennis Police Station, Martin Training Room, 90 Bob Crowell Rd., S Dennis. The meeting was called to order by Paul F. Prue, Chairman at 6:00 PM. Also in attendance were Charles F. Crowell and Peter L. McDowell and the following District official:

Sheryl A. McMahon, Clerk & Treasurer

## Public Information & Comment

Chairman Prue reminded the District voters of the Annual District Meeting that would begin at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 27 at the Dennis Senior Center.

## Customer Issues:

Ms. McMahon discussed the Leak Abatement Request of David Holt, 6 Shad Hole Road, Dennisport, Acct. 05334 (Actually 05443). She further stated that Mr. Holt had been granted a Leak Abatement in 2009 of \$629.25 due to an underground leak. The amount of water billed was \$6,869 for 1,984,000 gallons. The lost water was caused by an undetected leak between the main house and one of the cottages. There are three structures on the premises. The Board's policy provides for a once-per-life-time abatement for an underground leak (not including irrigation systems). Mr. Holt had also requested that he be allowed to make payments over 24 months and that the interest be waived. Ms. McMahon reviewed the procedures currently in place for the collection of past due receivables. Mr. McDowell suggested that there be significant down payment on the outstanding charges. On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED:** to authorize the Treasurer to negotiate a payment plan, not longer than 24 months, for the account of David Holt, Acct. No. 05443, at 6 Shad Hole Rd, Dennisport and that he abide by the terms of the agreement subject to the termination of his water service upon default.

Ms. McMahon advised the Board that the special legislation to combine the District election with the Town election was signed by the Governor and has been enacted. It is now considered Chapter 59 of the Acts of 2010. She further stated that, because the District voters authorized the annexation of the last remaining parcels not within the District on February 25, 2010, the Town may include the elected officers of the District on the same ballot as the Town's.

Ms. McMahon explained that when the chemical tank leaked it required an emergency transfer of potassium hydroxide from the old tank in order to have it replaced. The additional unanticipated cost of the emergency transfer was \$1,390. On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to transfer \$1,390 from the Reserve Fund to the line item 5836 – Replacement of Chemical Tanks.**

Ms. McMahon had distributed the motions for the Board's review. Attorney Perrino's review and any recommendations or edits would be forthcoming early next week. Chairman Prue noted the report that would be made by the Board of Water Commissioners under Article 8. Ms. McMahon reminded the Board that the Finance Committee would be meeting at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center just prior to the Annual District Meeting in order to vote their funding source recommendation for Article 5 – Capital Expenditures.

Mr. McDowell advised that he may elect to speak to the report being presented by the majority of the Board under Article 8 regarding the status of wastewater management.

On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 PM.***

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl A McMahon, Clerk