

# DENNIS WATER DISTRICT

Board of Water Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting held

June 24, 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 officials:

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION & COMMENT: None

CUSTOMER ISSUES: None

## FY 2009 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Ms. McMahon reported that the Fiscal Year 2009 Audited Financial Statements have been received and distributed to the Board of Water Commissioners. On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to accept the FY 2009 Audited Financial Statements as submitted.***

## UPDATES:

Mr. Larkowski reported that the Power Options, an electrical power aggregator, receives bids for the purchase of electricity. The Board did not vote to accept the bid price offered by Power Options last month. Since then the rate increased and the Superintendent advised that he has locked in the for 36 months at 9.1 cents per kwh. Cape Light Compact was at 9.2 cents and NSTAR was at 9.4 cents. He further reported that the Town of Dennis was under contract until 2011 at 9.5 cents down from 10.8 cents. Mr. Larkowski has been advised that there is a provision in the contract with Power Options to withdraw if and when the District is able to bring their own wind turbine on-line.

Mr. Larkowski advised the Board that MetroPCS is approaching the deadline of July 1 to sign the leasing contract for cellular antennas on the West Dennis Tank. The quoted bid price is \$39,000 for the first year with an annual 3% escalator in the lease payments.

Despite inclement weather, the District's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day was considered successful with approximately 262 cars passing through the site. He reported that the contractor expended approximately \$8,200 for the collection and the site was open from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The program is collaboration with Barnstable County as they provide the advertising materials and undertake the bidding process for most municipalities jointly. Mr. Larkowski also reported that the Town of Dennis has appropriated only \$4,000 for their collection day scheduled for September 11. Due to the budget reduction, they anticipate only being open from 9:00 until 10:30 AM. The Superintendent advised that there are sufficient funds in the District's account for HHWC to match the Town of Dennis funds. This would enable the Town to stay open the entire four hours as has been typically scheduled. On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and

duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to match the Town of Dennis' appropriation of \$4,000 for the direct expense of collecting Household Hazardous Waste on Saturday, September 11, 2010.***

Mr. Larkowski reviewed the status of the draft report of Bass River by the Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP) and advised that, based on his conversations with representatives from the School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST) the report is anticipated to be released in draft form on or about July 15, 2010. Mr. McDowell expressed concerns that the computer modeling being used by SMAST for the development of the nitrogen limits has not undergone an independent peer review. There have been Boards of Selectmen in a number of Cape towns that are requesting that Barnstable County sponsor a review by the National Academy of Science of the modeling science used by SMAST. There was a lengthy discussion about the receipt of the reports and how best to bring all of the stakeholders together to discuss the report. The Bass River report will be given to Yarmouth as well as the Dennis Water District. Ms. McMahon suggested that if such a meeting was scheduled, the Board may want to consider having an independent moderator.

The Superintendent reviewed the draft Wind Energy Feasibility Study with the Board and suggested that the Board consider submitting their questions in writing to the consultant. He was hopeful this could be accomplished before next week so the responses, if applicable, could be included in the final report. There were a number of questions asked by the Board members and by consensus the Board agreed to conduct a workshop with Tom Michelman of Boreal Renewable Energy Development.

## JOB DESCRIPTIONS

The Board was in receipt of an initial draft of the job descriptions for the Superintendent and the Treasurer/Clerk Business Manager. Discussion ensued. Mr. McDowell stated that his personal view was that the hiring and firing of District personnel should be conducted by the Water Commissioners. Mr. Crowell asked that the Board defer further discussion because he would like the opportunity to study the descriptions in more detail.

A late request was submitted by Habitat for Humanity for the waiving of fees and charges for the installation of water service to a new home at 4 Hemlock Lane in South Dennis. On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***VOTED: 2-0-1 (with Peter L. McDowell in the negative) to waive the fees and charges for the installation of a new water service line to 4 Hemlock Lane, South Dennis.***

## MINUTES

On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the minutes of May 27, 2010, were accepted as corrected.

On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, seconded by Peter L. McDowell, ***the Board UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (7:29 PM): to adjourn the open session for the purpose of conducting an EXECUTIVE SESSION in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 39, Sec 23B,***

*Subsection 6 in order to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, because such discussions in open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the District and not to return to open session. The Chairman having called for a roll call vote which was recorded as follows:*

*Peter L. McDowell “aye”*

*Charles F. Crowell “aye”*

*Paul F. Prue “aye”*

NOTE: the Executive Session was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl A McMahon, Clerk