

DENNIS WATER DISTRICT

Board of Water Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting held

June 23, 2011

A meeting, having been duly posted, was held this date at the Dennis Police Station, 96 Bob Crowell Rd, S Dennis. The meeting was called to order by Paul F. Prue, Chairman at 6:00 PM. Also in attendance were Water Commissioners Charles F. Crowell and Peter L. McDowell. The following District officials were present:

David Larkowski, Superintendent
Sheryl A McMahon, Clerk & Treasurer

PUBLIC INFORMATION None

CUSTOMER ISSUES None

STATUS OF WIND POWER FEASIBILITY PROJECT

Mr. McDowell stated that this meeting was the first time the wind turbine project has been discussed since the Annual District Meeting (04/26/2011) when three articles pertaining to the development of wind turbine project failed. He proposed that the Board take another look at it. Mr. McDowell described the intended scope of a wind turbine project. He was of the opinion that there was a national effort to generate a negative response to wind turbines. He said that projections from the wind study suggested a wind turbine could generate \$450,000 to \$550,000 pre year with a life expectancy of 20 years. Budgeted costs would have included maintenance and replacement costs. Mr. McDowell suggested that money generated by the wind turbines is money the fossil fuel companies would not earn. He stated that some of the ridiculous things that were discussed were pollution caused by concrete, oil could spill or explode, flying turbine blades, etc. Mr. McDowell suggested that a time table be developed and that the Board may need to ask people to assist them. The Board members acknowledged a consensus to take another look into developing a wind energy project.

REVIEW AND AWARD BIDS

Mr. Larkowski reviewed the bids received for the purchase of emergency power generators. He stated that it had taken him quite a bit of time to review the specifications of the generators submitted by three vendors. Genrac submitted a bid with a different kw and would have to XXXX motors in order to meet the bid specifications. The motors would not have direct couplings and the exhaust systems were not stainless steel wrapped in insulation as specified. The generators quoted by Baldor did not meet the specifications. Mr. McDowell asked Mr. Larkowski to inquire with the companies that received bids but did not respond why they did not submit a bid. On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to award the purchase of two 70 kw generators, two 75 kw generators and 1 85 kw generator to Power Equipment at the quoted prices of \$27,197 for the 70 and 75 kw generators and \$31,430 for the 85 kw generator.***

Mr. Larkowski reviewed the bids received for the purchase of master meters to be installed in the pumping stations. He advised that the lowest apparent bidder, Sullivan Associates, did not meet the bid specifications. The total appropriation is \$66,000 which includes the meters and materials for

installation. On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOULSY VOTED: to award the purchase of master meters to Carl Luders at the quoted price of \$42,610.***

Mr. Larkowski reviewed the bids received for water service materials. On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOULSY VOTED: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent for water service materials as noted on the canvas of bids dated June 22, 2011 (as highlighted in grey).***

<i>Cape Cod Win Water</i>	<i>Mueller Brass</i>
	<i>Water Service Pipe</i>
	<i>Inserts</i>
<i>Ferguson</i>	<i>Ball Valves</i>
	<i>Cast Iron Boxes</i>

Mr. Larkowski reviewed the bids received for iron pipe, fittings and hydrants and valves. On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOULSY VOTED: to award the purchase of ductile iron pipe, fittings, hydrants and valves to Ferguson in accordance with the bids received on June 22, 2011.***

Mr. Larkowski reviewed the bids received for cold water meters. Neptune has been bidding on Dennis Water District meters for about 20 years. It is a bid directly from the manufacturer and is therefore consistently the lowest bidder. On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOULSY VOTED: to award the purchase of Neptune meters directly from the manufacturer at the prices submitted for the bid opening of June 22, 2011.***

Mr. Larkowski reviewed the bids received for the purchase of propane. The bid sought two pricing structures; Selkirk and Mark-up. The Selkirk Index sets forth the wholesale price of propane on a periodic basis. The bids were set on the Selkirk as of the bid date of June 22, 2011. The Superintendent recommended awarding the bid to Ameri Gas at the quoted Mark-up. On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOULSY VOTED: to award the purchase of propane to Ameri Gas at the Mark-up price quoted on June 22, 2011.***

DRAFT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

In accordance with the agenda, the Superintendent began a review of the Capital Improvement Plan (Plan). The cost of drafting the Plan was paid for by a grant of \$7,500 from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The purpose was to identify, evaluate and estimate the cost of the District's potential capital needs over the next 20 years. Two items in the plan were just awarded bids tonight; master meters and emergency generators. DEP would like to have it adopted by the Water Commissioners. Mr. McDowell asked for a continuance until the next meeting. The Board was in agreement.

EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR MASSACHUSETTS ESTUARIES PROJECT (MEP)

Mr. McDowell stated that he was curious if the Board's authority would allow them to sign the contract. He questioned whether the continuation of the contract is a Dennis Water District

matter or a Town of Dennis matter. Mr. Larkowski stated that he and Ms. McMahon met with Attorney Perrino with regards to the extension. He stated that Attorney John Creney (previous counsel for the District) and Attorney Perrino have both advised that the Board does have authority to continue on with the MEP work and that what we don't have is the authority to do any construction or future engineering, etc. The way it has been advised to him by both attorneys is that before filing for special legislation, we needed to know if the Town of Dennis needs a sewer system. Mr. Larkowski outlined how the investigation of whether the District should be a sewer district was initiated and how it has progressed until now.

While it has been very frustrating that the MEP reports have not yet been completed, Mr. Larkowski was hopeful and recommended that the Board extend the contract at no cost. He stated that the funds were raised by taxes and in his opinion it would be a disservice to the taxpayers not to finish the reports. Mr. McDowell said that in his view the Board does not have the authority to sign the contract. Ms. McMahon reminded the Board that this issue came up approximately one year ago when Mr. McDowell authored specific questions to Attorney Perrino. Attorney Perrino provided an opinion in writing that stated, under the broad language of the enabling act, is what gives the Board broad authority to conduct this type of investigation in accordance with the appropriations that have been made for this purpose.

Chairman Prue suggested that the Board meet with Attorney Perrino. The Board members agreed to invite Attorney Perrino to a meeting in order to discuss the issue. A discussion ensued pertaining to the available funds remaining for the wastewater studies. Chairman Prue said the information is vital to the town in order to understand what our problems are.

MINUTES

On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED the minutes of November 15, November 18, December 20 and December 23, 2010 were accepted with minor corrections.***

Mr. Larkowski reported that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day went very well but, he did not have the final numbers yet. It was busy the entire time of the collection. There were a lot of familiar faces and some new.

On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM.***

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl A McMahon, Clerk