

DENNIS WATER DISTRICT

Board of Water Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting held

August 25, 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

Treasurer McMahon provided an update on the Municipal Health Insurance Reform Act that was signed into law by Governor Patrick in July 2011. She noted that, as a member of the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group (CCMHG), the District would benefit from the design plan changes that will be put into effect once the Board of Directors votes to make the changes. She anticipated that there will be significant changes with increased and new co-payments and instituting new deductibles. She further noted that it will require a vote of the District to adopt the final plan design changes adopted by CCMHG.

CUSTOMER ISSUES None

REVIEW AUGUST WATER BILLING

Ms. McMahon distributed a report to the Water Commissioners on the number of customers and their usage from January through June (billed in August 2011) based on increments of “zero” (no usage for the period), less than or equal to 10,000 gallons, less than or equal to 50,000 gallons, less than or equal to 100,000 gallons and 101,000 gallons and more. She noted that in the winter usage cycle, 95% of the customers used 66% of the water and in the summer cycle 71% of the customers used just 29% of the water with 11% of the customers using 41% of the water. Over a four-year period the wintertime median customer used 10,000 gallons and the summertime median customer used 26,000 gallons.

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Larkowski identified for the Board members some of the vulnerability he sees in the distribution system. Generally, the area most vulnerable is on the south side of town. He reviewed the layout of distribution mains which traverse bridges. He felt that there could be a significant loss of water to the areas of Dennisport and West Dennis if one or more bridges were lost. He estimated the cost at approximately \$325,000 to install new transmission mains in the area of Depot Street, etc. He felt that moving forward, with the Board's approval, and outline the specifics of a comprehensive project would be timely as the State will be doing major work on the Rte 28 bridge spanning Swan River beginning in the fall of 2012. There was a consensus among the Board members encouraging the Superintendent to proceed with anticipated funding at the Annual District Meeting in April 2012.

LOCATION OF BOARD MEETINGS & LIVE BROADCASTING

Mr. McDowell stated that the last meeting of the Board could not be heard live over the cable channel. He noted that there are two elected boards in Town; the Selectmen and the Water Commissioners. He believe the citizens of Dennis should be able to reliably view the meetings. In his opinion, the Water Commissioners should have priority broadcasting live over other municipal boards or committees. He was hopeful that the Selectmen would set a policy that gave the broadcasting of the Water Commission meetings priority. He also suggested that a monitor be installed in the cable broadcasting room so the camera operator could ensure that the audience can see and hear the meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board members ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to request that the Board of Selectmen assign priority to the cable casting of Water Commission meetings.***

MINUTES: JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 16, JUNE 23, JUNE 30, 2011

The minutes of January 27, 2011, were deferred to a future meeting due to a printing error.

On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to accept the minutes of February 16, 2011 as printed.***

On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to accept the minutes of June 23, 2011 as corrected.***

On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***VOTED (2-0-1 PLM abstaining): to accept the minutes of June 30, 2011 as corrected.***

On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn at 7:02 PM.***

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl A McMahon, Clerk