

# DENNIS WATER DISTRICT

## *Board of Water Commissioners*

Minutes of Meeting held

October 27, 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 Charles F. Crowell and Peter L. McDowell and the following District official:

Sheryl A McMahon, Clerk & Treasurer

David Larkowski, Superintendent

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION & COMMENT**

Mr. McDowell requested that the quarterly newsletter issued by the Department of Environmental Protection and any other policy related materials be distributed to the Water Commissioners.

## **CONSIDER REQUEST OF DENNIS CONSERVATION TRUST TO PARTICIPATE IN ACQUISITION**

The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts has requested deferral of any further consideration of their request for the District to participate in a joint acquisition project of approximately 11 acres of land at Clay and Grassy Ponds. Commissioner McDowell noted that the proponents of the acquisition are in the process of having the number of buildable lots verified by an engineer.

## **RESERVE FUND TRANSFER REQUEST**

Mr. Larkowski requested that the Commissioners authorize the transfer of \$5,000 from the FY 2012 Reserve Fund in anticipation of a Safety Equipment Grant awarded by Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA). It is a reimbursable grant which means the safety equipment items have to be purchased first. On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to transfer \$5,000 from the FY 2012 Reserve Fund in anticipation of reimbursement from a Safety Equipment Grant.***

## CODERED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Superintendent advised the Commissioners that the CodeRed emergency calling service was no in effect and available to the Town of Dennis and the Dennis Water District. He stated that it is also known as a Reverse 9-1-1 calling system. The purpose of the District's participation is to be able to notify customers of such events as a *boil water order, water main break or major loss of service, etc.* He noted that parents of students are familiar with a similar system regarding educational issues such as school cancellations, etc. He emphasized that the District intends to use the system for emergencies only. He further explained that the District has two distribution systems; one on the Northside and one on the Southside. The data is good but not perfect and he urged customers to go onto the website and follow the links to the CodeRed page. The connection will allow customers to update their information and add such contact information such as a cell phone number, texting or email. Customers can also see where their location appears on the map of the Town. It is represented by a "pin". The pin can be moved to a more precise location by the customer. The Town of Dennis is the license holder for the contract with CodeRed so it was determined that a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the District would be appropriate. Mr. McDowell asked if there was a process for having a phone number removed. The process for removal is described on line and the form can be made available. On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***VOTED 2-1-0 (PLM): to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Dennis and the Dennis Water District for emergency reverse calling system known as CodeRED.***

## MINUTES

On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to approve the minutes of January 27, 2011 as amended.***

The minutes of April 11, 2011 were deferred.

On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM.***