

DENNIS WATER DISTRICT

Board of Water Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting held

October 25, 2012

A meeting, having been duly posted, was held this date at the Dennis Police Station, Planning Board Hearing Room, Town Hall, 485 Main Street, South Dennis. The meeting was called to order by Paul F. Prue, Chairman at 6:00 PM. Charles F. Crowell was present. Peter L. McDowell was absent. Also present were the following District officials:

Sheryl A McMahon, Clerk & Treasurer
David Larkowski, Superintendent

Public Information & Comment

None

Consider possible acquisition of 5.27 acres of land, north of Baker's Pond, Assessor's Map 236-7

Mr. Larkowski advised the members that the Board had received a letter from Norman Sears inquiring about the District's possible interest in acquiring a parcel of land containing 5.27 acres near Baker's Pond for watershed protection. Mr. Larkowski provided copies of the assessors' information, map and assessed value and the land court plan. Mr. Sears did not state how much he would be willing to accept for the property. Mr. Larkowski estimated that it would likely be in the \$500,000 range. He noted that the proposed purchase of the Connor/Bell property (near Clay and Grassy Ponds) is approximately 10 acres and is nearly identical in every respect to the Sears property including its proximity to supply wells. Mr. Larkowski indicated that in recent years the District has not been the sole purchaser of large tracts of open space. It appears that the Connor/Bell property is being purchased through a partnership effort which may include the District. He suggested that this property might also be looked at as a cooperative purchase project with some of the same parties that are working together on the Connor/Bell piece. Mr. Larkowski suggested that the Board contact Mark Robinson of the Compact of Conservation Trusts and advise him that this may be a potential acquisition project. Chairman Prue suggested advising other potentially interested parties as well. On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***VOTED 2-0-0 (PLM absent): to write a letter to Norman Sears as owner of a 5.27 acre parcel of land shown on Assessors' Map 236-7 expressing an interest in a possible joint acquisition with agencies such as the Dennis Conservation Trust, Community Preservation and others.***

Review septic plan and request an easement from the Town of Dennis.

Mr. Larkowski advised that the septic system at 80 Old Bass River Road has failed. It is located at the top of the driveway in the triangle grassy area. It was installed in the late 1980's at the request of the Department of Environmental Protection to relocate the septic system outside of the 400-foot radius of the main station wells. Mr. Larkowski suggested that the Board request an easement from the Town of Dennis for locating the new septic system. It is likely that it would appear on the next spring Annual Town Meeting. The final design approval will be submitted to the Board of Health.

VOTED 2-0-0 (PLM absent): to request that the Board of Selectmen place an article on the next Town Meeting warrant for an easement for the placement of a new septic system for the main offices of the District.

Progress report on Water Main Extension Projects.

Mr. Larkowski advised that the work crews have completed approximately 4,500 feet of 12" water main installation in approximately four weeks on Depot Street. He reported that the crew begins working at 6:00 AM and that they complete the temporary patches of any opened road by the end of the day. Traffic details have been in place and he has not had any complaints. He expects to finish the work over the next week. He explained that approximately 600 to 700 feet of water main, as part of getting water from Eagle Pond to Great Western Road in Phase II, has been installed through the propane farm. The owner of the business, Mr. Enos, had granted an easement to the District and the easement is in the process of being recorded by Attorney Perrino. Phase II will include another 5,000' approximately of 12" of water main. Attorney Perrino continues to work on title exams of properties in the Phase II area. One of the easements will be requested on a parcel of land owned by the Town of Dennis. Mr. Larkowski described the mains that provide water to Dennisport and that those that are hung from the bridges are at risk from storm damage. Chairman Prue requested that Mr. Larkowski relay the Board's appreciation for their initiative and work progress on this project to the work crews.

Chairman Prue noted that the Massachusetts Water Works Association has awarded the Water District a citation and award for the work done by the crew on the Old Bass River Tank maintenance and painting project. It is known as the Water Works Pride Award and will be recognized at their annual conference on November 9, 2012.

November Board Meeting: *Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 6:00 PM is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Dennis Police Station.*

Minutes: 9/22/11, 10/27/11, 12/22/11

On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***VOTED 2-0-0: to accept the minutes of September 22, 2011, October 27, 2011 and December 22, 2011 as presented.***

On a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***VOTED 2-0-0: to adjourn at 6:21 PM.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl A McMahon, Clerk