

DENNIS WATER DISTRICT

Board of Water Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting held

September 13, 2007

A meeting, having been duly posted, was held this date at the main offices at 80 Old Bass River Rd., S Dennis. The meeting was called to order by Edward A. Crowell, Chairman at 4:07 PM. Water Commissioners Paul F. Prue and Charles F. Crowell were present along with the following District officials:

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

Mr. Jonathan Thatcher introduced himself to the Board members. He went before the Board of Selectmen and received their permission to request the installation of water at the traffic island at the intersection of Seaside Ave and Route 6A from the Board of Water Commissioners. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the Superintendent to install a seasonal water service at the traffic island at Seaside Ave and Route 6A for the general purpose of watering flowers for beautification of the Town and not to assess any charges for such installation upon the Town or the person so requesting and further that all charges for water consumption will be in accordance with any other general or specific Board policy for billing municipal or non-profit civic groups which use water for similar purposes.***

Mr. Larkowski reviewed the progress of the design and specifications of the iron and manganese removal plants. The State Revolving Loan application forms have been filed in order to be approved on their *Intended Use Plan*. The survey work has also been completed. Final approval should be received prior to the April District meeting. The original project cost was estimated at \$15 million and has now been reduced to about \$11 million plus contingencies. There is currently no money available from the current budget for site work in preparation for the District to lay water main. There is approximately five miles of raw and treated water mains that will have to be in place upon completion of the treatment plants. Some funds can be used from operating and maintenance but they are limited. Mr. Larkowski emphasized how critical it will be to keep the water main work on schedule and that this work should begin as soon as possible. He advised that work crews will be stockpiling the stumps at the Old Chatham Road pit until there is sufficient appropriation to pay for their disposal.

The Superintendent stated that he has always that the painting of the six-million gallon tank that he has always been reluctant to take it out of service because it leaves the south side vulnerable when only the West Dennis Tank is on-line. He also stated that since all the wells are north of Route 6, when they turn on all at the same time, the water gets bottle necked. When the new treatment plants are online and wells 15 and 21 are redirected, it is only going to exacerbate the problem. The problem with the bottle neck is that it reduces the efficiency of the wells that are pumping into the distribution system. He is proposing to extend the main on to Great Western Road with 12". It will require about 4,000 feet of main to be installed. The ownership of all the land involved is not clear. Mr. Larkowski asked permission to request additional services with Earth Tech to provide hydraulic modeling for installing additional 12" main. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the Superintendent to request engineering services of Earth Tech, Inc. in order to provide hydraulic modeling for the installation of 12" water main on Great Western Road in conjunction with the water main work necessary for tying in the two treatment plants into the distribution system.***

Mr. Larkowski advised that Norman Bulduc, the tank inspector for the painting project, is not available to work on Saturdays. The Superintendent is willing to work in order to provide oversight on the job on Saturdays. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the Superintendent to act as an on-site inspector of the contract work being done on the six-million gallon tank on Saturdays during the remainder of the contract.***

Mr. Larkowski also explained how the painting contractor blasts the tank and collects the paint debris that is removed. This is done with robotic equipment.

The Superintendent advised that an agreement with Stearns & Wheler, LLC to provide consulting services for work relating to ownership issues regarding wastewater implementation has been completed. He and Ms. McMahon have met with Nate Weeks of Stearns and Wheler and with Attorney John C. Crenney to review the scope of work and certain legal aspects.

Mr. Larkowski advised that the initial three-year sampling requirement for the Massachusetts Estuaries Project is near completion. The last sampling group will be taken on Monday, September 17, 2007. He also anticipates that there will be a need for further funding to continue the wastewater management planning project during the FY 2009 at approximately \$80,000. He explained that it would cost another

\$20,000 in the fourth year. The funds will need to be appropriated at the April 2008 Annual District Meeting.

Ms. McMahon explained that there was a lack of funding for paying the cost of financial and legal services incurred for the issuance of the \$2.5 million bonds in July. She admitted that there was no funding request made by her for these expenses. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to transfer \$10,000 from the Reserve Fund to pay for financial services pertaining to the issuance of general obligation bonds of \$2.5 million dated July 2007.***

Ms. McMahon advised the Board that she has closed the books for fiscal year and estimates that the Surplus Revenue will be certified as of June 30, 2007 at approximately \$343,671. She further stated that this is approximately half the amount available in prior year

The Board reviewed the Joint Purchase Agreement with the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group. The CCMHG is a self-insured joint purchasing group comprised of most towns, districts and authorities on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. It is the single largest purchase of health care on Cape Cod. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to sign the Joint Purchase Agreement with the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group on behalf of the Dennis Water District.***

Ms. McMahon advised the Board that the Selectmen have scheduled their first "State of the Town Meeting" on November 3, 2007. The Dennis Water District, as the Town's public water supplier, is invited to participate and provide a short update on the activities, plans and services of the District to the attendees. The Commissioners viewed this as an opportunity to update the public on the need for building the iron and manganese removal plants. It was agreed that Mr. Larkowski would make the presentation.

With no further business before the Board, the Water Commissioners signed the Accounts Payable Warrants and on a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM.***

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl A. McMahon, Clerk