

*DENNIS WATER DISTRICT
Board of Water Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting held
November 21, 2013*

A meeting, having been duly posted, was held this date at the Dennis Police Station, 90 Bob Crowell Road, South 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 and the following District officials:

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

Public Comment:

Chairman Prue announced a ground breaking ceremony for solar farm to be installed at the Town of Dennis capped landfill on Friday, November 22, 2013 at 12:00 noon. The public is invited to attend.

Update: Transmission Main Project – Phase III

Mr. Larkowski advised the Board that Phase I and II are complete for the Transmission Main Project. Phase I was the installation of water main on Depot Street. Phase II was the installation of water main from Eagle Pond Nursing Home to Great Western Road. He reported to the Board that the Robert Childs Company and Childs family have graciously donated an easement allowing the District to install water main on their property from Great Western Road to connect to existing main in the Center Street area. The extended main will be tied into the main at Well 13 (decommissioned). It is about 1,400 feet to cross the Childs' property. He currently has a surveyor preparing a plan and hopes to begin installation in the spring. He further reported that in FY 2013 \$450,000 had been appropriated to which \$250,000 was added in FY 2014 with about \$189,000 remaining. He anticipates he will be asking for an additional \$25,000 for the FY 2015 budget. This should complete the funding of the project and will mean that a 12-inch main will have been installed from north of mid-cape highway into Dennisport. The new main will alleviate some bottle necking that is happening. He said he would like to have it done by summer.

Mr. Larkowski assured Mr. McDowell that a letter of appreciation for the donated easement will be sent to the Childs family as has been done recently with similar donations. Mr. McDowell wanted to know if the new water main will supplement the water pressures in Dennisport. Mr. Larkowski clarified that it was not pressure that was lost. He explained that there was only one water main that was actually feeding Dennisport; it is a 6 inch line. Everything else goes across a bridge. With the two bridge projects, at one time or another lines have been taken out of service creating a slight deficit. He noted that if there was ever a huge fire it may have been a problem. He described the problem as being a bottle-necking of water when the tank in West Dennis drops very quickly in the summer time while the six-million gallon tank is filling and the water just can't get to Dennisport fast enough. There are only four major water mains that cross the highway. This will add a fifth

and it will go directly to Dennisport. He expects to see a significant change in the tank levels during the summer when the new main is on-line.

McDowell asked Mr. Larkowski if he knew how the contractor was proceeding with the bridge reconstruction on Route 28. Mr. Larkowski said that they were moving along. Mr. McDowell wanted to know about the permanent reconnection of the water main. Mr. Larkowski said that a temporary ten-inch main is in service across the temporary bridge. The 16-inch main is out of service on the old bridge and he is hopeful it will be back in service in the spring with the installation of the new bridge. He believed that the contractor was on target with the completion date. The Superintendent further stated that about seven or eight years ago, the ten-inch main that went under Swan Pond River broke and it was taken out of service entirely. The new bridge will have both a 16-inch main and a new ten-inch main to bring water into Dennisport.

Discussion about encroachment and unauthorized removal of trees on Water District property.

Mr. Larkowski had previously provided the Board with a copy of a letter he had sent to the owner of 64 Acorn Road (off Setucket Road) who had cut trees on District property. He had received a call from a neighbor that somebody appeared to be cutting down trees a fair distance off of their property. He inspected the property and it was evident that the owner of the property had been cutting trees to open up the backyard and to get some firewood. They appeared to have crossed onto approximately 80 feet of District property. Mr. Larkowski spoke with the owner's son several times and insisted that he restore the property and have the lot line delineated. The property owner has since cleared the debris and has restored the area and has planted various oaks and pines.

What Mr. Larkowski wanted to accomplish tonight was to advise the public about encroachment onto District property. The District is one of the largest land holders in Dennis and as such has hundreds of abutters. He wanted to let people know that if they are an abutter to District property to respect the property line and also to become a good steward of the District's property. He said that if someone needs to know where the property line is we can help. He asked that they not dump trash or grass and brush cuttings. It would be a big job to delineate all the property boundaries. He did say that he used the Town's online GIS and fly-over to make a review of the possibility of encroachment. He felt that there was definitely some encroachment but nothing of significance; an occasional shed, etc. McDowell commended Mr. Larkowski for the gentle way he handled the matter. Mr. Larkowski added that the next newsletter will also include an article regarding encroachment.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

Chairman Prue Paul asked the Superintendent to describe briefly on-going projects. He stated that the District recently took delivery of internal piping for the tanks for the iron & manganese removal project; the transmission main project will be starting this spring and he was very hopeful in getting the Hokum Rock Tank painted. He said there is not enough staff to accomplish all of that work and based on priorities and available options he will likely do the water main first. The Route 28 Tank will be fairly expensive and may require additional funding. We are always doing well cleaning

and pump maintenance. Mr. Crowell asked if painting hydrants was work that was still being done. Mr. Larkowski said that that work was done mostly in the summer having concentrated in West Dennis, Dennisport and parts of South Dennis. He estimated that the hydrants were painted every four to five years.

Minutes: September 26, 2013

McDowell asked for deference of the acceptance of the minutes.

On a motion made by Peter L. McDowell, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn at 6:17 PM.***

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl A McMahon, Clerk