

NORTH SAGAMORE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES JULY 12, 2022

The North Sagamore Water District Board of Water Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 4:15 pm at the North Sagamore Water District office, 14 Squanto Road, Sagamore Beach, MA.

Those in attendance at the start of the meeting were: Chairperson Mark Melchionda, Commissioner Mark Bergeron, Moderator Stephen Mealy, Superintendent Matt Sawicki, Treasurer Maureen Fruci and Commissioner George Sala who dialed in remotely.

Chairperson Mark Melchionda called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm with a roll call attendance: Commissioner Bergeron – yes, Commissioner Sala – yes, Commissioner Melchionda - yes.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE ON RELOCATION OF WATER MAIN EASEMENT AT 337 PHILLIPS ROAD, SANDWICH PER ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Commissioner Melchionda stated that Superintendent Sawicki put a lot of hours into this easement process. He continued on to read the agreement (see attached documentation including draft deeds, ADM minutes from May 4, 2022 and agreement between parties).

Commissioner Melchionda asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Sala said he was concerned about Attorney Troy's legal fees. Superintendent Sawicki said the District will pay the fees and will be reimbursed by the homeowner. The Board discussed the options for getting the reimbursement for the fees.

Property owner Mary Jo Gagnon joined the meeting remotely at 4:25 pm. Commissioner Melchionda explained the Board was just reviewing the easement documents and discussing the legal fees. He asked Ms. Gagnon if she had any questions. Ms. Gagnon said she thought the legal fees were high but she understands she has to pay them. Commissioner Melchionda said the Board has to rely on the expertise of Attorney Troy in matters like this to look out for the best interests of the District. He said the documents will be signed, notarized and given to Attorney Troy. Ms. Gagnon said she will be in Sagamore Beach on Friday and will drop off a check for \$2,300 at the water district office. She will sign the documents and have them notarized so her attorney can have them recorded. It was agreed that Ms. Gagnon will wait until Superintendent Sawicki is back from vacation on 7/25/22 before work on her property begins.

Commissioner Sala made a motion to accept the relocation of the 2" water main at 337 Phillips Road, Sandwich, MA, along with the agreement drafted by Attorneys Robert Troy and Christopher Kirrane. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. Roll call vote: Commissioner Sala – yes, Commissioner Bergeron – yes, Commissioner Melchionda – yes. Ms. Gagnon thanked Superintendent Sawicki and the Board and left the meeting at 4:37 pm.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS & DISTRICT MEMBERS

Commissioner Sala made a motion to nominate Mark Melchionda as Chairperson again for this year because the District has some big projects coming up and he thinks he should see those projects through. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. Commissioner Melchionda thanked the other Board members and said he would be honored to stay on as Chairperson again this year.

Commissioner Sala made a motion to appoint Matthew Sawicki as Superintendent of the District. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. Roll call vote: Commissioner Bergeron – yes, Commissioner Sala – yes, Commissioner Melchionda – yes. Commissioner Bergeron made a motion to appoint Maureen Fruci as Clerk/Treasurer of the District. Commissioner Sala seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. Roll call vote: Commissioner Bergeron – yes, Commissioner Sala – yes, Commissioner Melchionda – yes. Commissioner Bergeron made a motion to appoint Attorney Robert Troy as legal counsel for the District. Commissioner Sala seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. Roll call vote: Commissioner Sala – yes, Commissioner Bergeron – yes, Commissioner Melchionda – yes. Commissioner Sala made a motion to appoint Koppelman & Page as District counsel for the 40b Cape View Way project. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. Roll call vote: Commissioner Sala – yes, Commissioner Bergeron – yes, Commissioner Melchionda – yes.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES DATED 6/8/22

Commissioner Sala made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated 6/8/22 as written. Commissioner Melchionda seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergeron abstained from voting because he was not present at the meeting on 6/8/22. Roll call vote: Commissioner Sala – yes, Commissioner Melchionda – yes.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Sawicki provided the Board with the District pumping numbers. He said at this time the well levels are fine. There should not be a water ban anytime soon.

The Superintendent told the Board he included a letter from public water associations to the EPA regarding their new health advisory for PFAS testing levels. The letter summarizes all of the issues that public water suppliers are having due to the EPA’s new testing levels that cannot be detected by current analytical methods. Currently it’s just a health advisory and is not enforceable. The District will be doing PFAS testing tomorrow as part of the protocol.

Almeida & Carlson Insurance and Corcoran & Havlin Insurance will be making presentations at the next monthly meeting.

The Superintendent said he will be away on vacation next week.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Fruci told the Board there are 51 accounts with outstanding balances totaling \$2,069.09. The July water bills are being prepared and will be sent out by the end of the week.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Sala asked if there were any updates on the project at the old Friendly’s property. Superintendent Sawicki said the old Friendly’s building will remain and they will be adding a Starbucks to the property. To date the District has not received any new information.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Sala asked if there have been any updates on Gendron’s property. The Superintendent said they asked to have the Planning Board permit extended.

Superintendent Sawicki said he is meeting with the roofer tomorrow regarding the change order for the drip edge and gutter guards.

Moderator Mealy asked if there have been any updates on the development behind the fire station. The Superintendent said there is nothing new to report on the project or the grant.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/SELECT NEXT MEETING DATE

The next monthly Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 4:15 pm.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Bergeron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:09 pm. Commissioner Sala seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. Roll call vote: Commissioner Sala – yes, Commissioner Bergeron - yes, Commissioner Melchionda – yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Fruci
District Clerk