

NORTH SAGAMORE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

The North Sagamore Water District Board of Water Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 4:15 pm at the North Sagamore Water District office, 14 Squanto Road, Sagamore Beach, MA. Chairperson Mark Melchionda called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES DATED 8/18/21

Commissioner Sala requested an addition to the meeting minutes dated 8/18/21 regarding the Wildwood Lane plan changes as follows: Mr. Hebb stated he owns the open space on Ocean Pines Drive and can grant himself permission for the cut on Ocean Pines Drive. Commissioner Sala made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated 8/18/21 with the change as noted. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. Roll call vote: Commissioner Sala – yes, Commissioner Bergeron – yes, Commissioner Melchionda – yes.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE ON BLACK POND WELL PUMP REPAIR – WESTON & SAMPSON PROPOSAL

Superintendent Sawicki explained that Black Pond well pump has been vibrating more than usual. Weston & Sampson came out and measured the vibration and said the pump should be repaired before it begins to cause problems. The cost to inspect and relevel the pump is \$9,837. The Superintendent said Weston & Sampson knows the system very well and they've done maintenance in the District for about 25 years. Commissioner Melchionda asked when the repair would be done. The Superintendent said some time after mid-October. Commissioner Sala made a motion to accept the bid from Weston & Sampson of \$9,837 for the Black Pond well pump repair. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. All board members were in favor. Roll call vote: Commissioner Sala – yes, Commissioner Bergeron – yes, Commissioner Melchionda – yes.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE ON 147 STATE ROAD – TOWN OF BOURNE SPECIAL PERMIT, CHANGE OF USE

The Superintendent told the Board Southeast Truck Center went out of business. He said Gary Allen owns the building at 147 State Road which is in Zone 2 of the wells. He said they had been grandfathered prior to the time the water resource district was put in place to operate a vehicle maintenance garage. The Water resource district by law does not allow vehicle maintenance. The owner has applied for a special permit with the town of Bourne for a change of use from a truck repair facility to classic car storage. The Superintendent explained the owner of 147 State Road also owns 141 State Road which has a special permit that says there will be no removal or installation of parts or washing of vehicles. He asked if perhaps the District should send a letter asking for the same regulations for 147 State Road as 141 State Road. The Superintendent said Zone 2 regulations are very important because they can directly affect the well. Commissioner Melchionda asked if he is relinquishing his grandfather clause. The Superintendent said he is not sure. Commissioner Sala asked how the District would police the regulations. Superintendent Sawicki said it would be through the town of Bourne zoning officer. The Superintendent will send a letter to the Planning Board with the District's concerns in regards to special permit.

DISCUSSION OF TEST WELL PROGRAM UPDATE

The Superintendent said a site walk will be done on Monday, 9/27/21 to look at the locations for the test wells (Weldon Park, Church Lane and Black Pond) and the best spots to drill. A plan for Weldon Park was provided to the Board showing the open space between Weldon Road and the District's land. A subdivisions plan grants the District access through all of the open space to drill wells in Weldon Park. A letter will be sent to the homeowner's association to let them know what the District's plans are regarding the test wells.

Commissioner Melchionda asked if the potential test well locations are far enough away from the highway. Superintendent Sawicki said the hydro geologist will check for that. He added that with the construction of the new Cape Cod Canal bridges it may be a good time to document the potential well locations in order to protect the District. The Board agreed that documenting the well location now is a good idea. Commissioner Sala asked if the District receives updates regarding the bridge project from the government. Superintendent Sawicki said at this time he does not. Commissioner Sala suggested reaching out to Town Clerk Barry Johnson for information on the project.

Commissioner Melchionda asked if any of the sites is more favorable. The Superintendent said the Black Pond location would be most cost effective, however it would depend on the treatment plant. He said the Weldon Park site water could be as clean as the Beach well.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sawicki said the District will be doing annual pump maintenance in 4-6 weeks.

The Superintendent said he was invited to attend a meeting at Buzzards Bay Water District which will include representatives from the town of Bourne and Bourne Water District as well as engineer Kristen Berger who is also the engineer for the Buzzards Bay Water District. He explained that Buzzards Bay Water District is trying to get more water in their permit through mitigation. Ms. Berger thought it might be a helpful for the Superintendent to sit in on the meeting in case the District ever needs to go through the process. The Board said he should attend the meeting and represent the District.

The dump truck bed is currently being sandblasted at a cost of \$3,500. Carey Auto will then install a new plow on the truck.

The new truck should be in around December or January. The Superintendent has been unable to find anybody who is willing to work on the old truck.

The pumping numbers were down again in August. Superintendent Sawicki said he is not sure what effect that will have on the budget or the District's free cash next year.

The Superintendent provided the Board with a monthly chlorine residual spreadsheet for their review. He explained that he would like to continue chlorinating the Beach Well which hadn't been done prior to June 2021. He said they have been using 10 gallons of chlorine a month at a cost of \$26 per month. There have been no complaints to date. The Superintendent said he thinks it keeps the chlorine level a little more even at that location. After a brief discussion the Board decided he should continue chlorinating the Beach Well.

The District received a call regarding the swamp land in Weldon Park because the owner dug some trenches on the property. The Superintendent said the District will fill in the trenches. In addition, a registered letter

will be sent to the owner asking them to contact the District to discuss the situation before getting District counsel involved.

Commissioner Melchionda asked if there were any updates on the Norris Road house. The Superintendent said not at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Fruci told the Board reminder letters were sent out in the first week of September to 221 outstanding accounts totaling \$29,651.49. Currently there are 162 accounts outstanding, totaling \$20,866.07.

Water liens will be sent to the town of Bourne at the end of October.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

-PHILLIPS ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Superintendent Sawicki updated the Board on the Phillips Road-Sandwich Association meeting he and Commissioner Melchionda attended on 9/11/21. He said they answered some questions from the residents. He suggested the next step is to reach out to the town of Bourne regarding the paving of the road. Commissioner Sala recommended Russ Kleekamp handle the paving with the towns of Bourne and Sandwich because it's part of his engineering plan. The rest of the Board agreed.

Commissioner Melchionda said a concern was brought to their attention by District resident Mr. Atkins. He said that if for some reason there was a total road closure, in the event of an emergency, residents would need access to the gate at the end of Phillips Road. Commissioner Sala suggested contacting the state representative to gain access to the gate at Scusset Beach. Superintendent Sawicki said he had reached out to Scusset Beach operations and at that time they were willing to open the gate. However, they asked the District for an engineered road plan and to stabilize the sandy road to make it more passable. The Superintendent said since that discussion the employee had passed away. He is waiting for his position to be filled and then he will continue the discussion. Commissioner Melchionda asked if an emergency exit would be necessary if the District will not be replacing the water main to the end of Phillips Road. Commissioner Sala said not necessarily.

The Superintendent said one possible issue the District may have to address are the cobblestone driveways on Phillips Road. He said District regulations state the District is not liable for the repair or replacement of hardscape within the water main/service layout. Commissioner Sala said there is a bylaw that says homeowners cannot place anything within the road layout. He said it also applies to the apron. He said the Board may want to look at that bylaw. He also suggested looking at how the town of Bourne's regulation is worded. Commissioner Melchionda said the Superintendent counted 31-35 driveways on Phillips Road. The Superintendent said they can send a letter to affected homeowners ahead of the project to let them know about this issue. The Superintendent said he will get more information on the topic.

Superintendent Sawicki said he wanted the Board to be aware that when he was leaving the meeting he was approached by a resident who is planning on putting an addition on her home. The addition will be located on an easement that she was previously unaware of. She mentioned the possibility of moving the easement. The

Superintendent said if that is the case, she will have to go to the NSWDC annual meeting and the board for approval. She is going to have the property surveyed.

Superintendent Sawicki said he was told the meeting regarding the Cape View Way project has been postponed. He will dial in to the meeting to be sure. The next ZBA meeting is scheduled for 10/6/21. Superintendent Sawicki is also awaiting updated fire flow information from the developers.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/SELECT NEXT MEETING DATE

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 10/13/21 at 4:15 pm.

ADJOURN

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 pm. All Board members were in favor. Roll call vote: Commissioner Sala – yes, Commissioner Bergeron – yes, Commissioner Melchionda – yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Fruci,
District Clerk