

NORTH SAGAMORE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES MAY 26, 2021

The North Sagamore Water District Board of Water Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the Sagamore Beach Colony Club, Clark Hall, 30 Robinson Road, Sagamore Beach, MA. Chairperson Mark Bergeron called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Those in attendance at the start of the meeting were Chairperson Mark Bergeron, Commissioner Mark Melchionda, Commissioner George Sala, Superintendent Matt Sawicki, Treasurer Maureen Fruci, District employee Geoff Ray and District resident Stephen Mealy.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES DATED 4/20/21

Commissioner Melchionda requested two changes to the meeting minutes dated 4/20/21 under the agenda item regarding the proposed Cape View Way development: in the 2nd sentence add engineer Kristen Berger's company name (ResilientCE), and add **for a minimum of 2 hours** at the end of the sentence that references maintaining pressures along Scenic Highway. Commissioner Melchionda made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated 4/20/21 with the changes as noted. Commissioner Sala seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE ON CHURCH LANE WELL PUMP FAILURE

Superintendent Sawicki informed the Board there was a mechanical failure on a pump at the Church Lane well. Currently the well is off line. The company who recently cleaned the well will replace the pump at cost and not charge for labor to remove and reinstall the pump. The replacement will be treated as a change order under the contract and the cost for the pump is approximately \$12,000. The well will be off line for approximately 4 weeks. It should be back in place and ready the week before the 4th of July. The Superintendent said he would like to chlorinate the beach well to keep the residual at a level that it was at before the Church Lane well was off line.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE ON WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

The Superintendent told the Board that with the Church Lane well off line it has put a strain on the wells that are operational. He explained that currently there are no issues but if another well is lost it could become a problem. Additionally, the District population will swell after Memorial Day. He suggested now may be a good time to implement a voluntary water ban. Signs will be placed throughout the District. He also recommended putting a press release in the newspaper informing District residents of the mechanical pump issue at the Church Lane well, asking them to please abide by the voluntary water ban rules in order to avoid a mandatory water ban later.

There was a discussion regarding the options for voluntary water bans; allow watering 2 days a week or every other day. The Superintendent recommended the 2 day a week option because it would be consistent with a mandatory water ban for the water management act which is also the 2 day a week option. He said it would be much easier to manage the ban internally that way as well. He explained that at this time the District is not obligated by the permit to put a ban in place.

There was a discussion regarding enforcement of the ban. The Superintendent said the District bylaws state there is a \$50.00 fine for the first violation and a \$100.00 fine for each violation after that. The Board suggested giving residents a warning for the first violation and if there are repeat offenders give the fine. Commissioner Sala suggested putting water ban information on the District's website. Geoff Ray said Facebook could be useful as well. The Superintendent said he would like to make some signs for the 2 day a week mandatory water ban to have on hand if it becomes necessary. The Board agreed. Superintendent Sawicki asked the Board for a vote on the voluntary water ban. Commissioner Melchionda made a motion to put in place a voluntary water ban using the odd/even measures until further notice. Commissioner Sala seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE ON ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING ARTICLES

The Superintendent said he included this agenda item just in case there was a last minute change. There were no changes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sawicki informed the Board a letter was sent to the auditor requesting a firm completion date for the FY20 audit. To date there has been no response. We will follow up at the next meeting.

The District received a records request from the town of Plymouth asking for the District's pumping numbers from 2009-2020. The Superintendent said the request is related to a phosphorous study being done by the Herring Pond water shed.

The water management act permit renewal and registration is due by June 15th.

The PFAS monitoring waiver form was submitted to DEP. If accepted, we would only have to do 3 quarters of monitoring instead of 4.

Carey's Auto is doing some repairs on the frame of Jon Devine's truck. The order for the new District truck will probably take some time.

The Superintendent said the Cape View engineers would like to be informed of the District's upcoming meetings. After a brief discussion the Board decided an invoice should be sent to them for reimbursement of legal and engineering costs.

The Board discussed their concerns about all of the new homes that are being built on Phillips Road and how that is affecting repairs that need to be done by the District. Commissioner Melchionda suggested the District charge for time and materials for these repairs. In addition, he said something should be added to the District's bylaws.

The Superintendent said he would like to take vacation on June 4 and August 4-6.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Fruci gave the Board the monthly report for April and said as of 5/25/21 there are 80 accounts with outstanding balances totaling \$12,523.47.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

-COVID-19 OPERATIONS

Superintendent Sawicki asked if the Board wants to rescind the District's COVID-19 emergency orders. He explained the state is removing all COVID related restrictions on May 29, 2021 and will end the state's emergency declaration on June 15, 2021. Commissioner Bergeron said he thinks the District should follow the state's recommendation. Commissioner Melchionda made a motion to rescind the North Sagamore Water District's COVID-19 operations following the state's recommendations on June 15, 2021. Commissioner Sala seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. Superintendent Sawicki noted remote meetings can continue until September 1, 2021.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/SELECT NEXT MEETING DATE

Commissioner Melchionda stated the District has a great group of very professional employees who worked hard through a very rough year with little or no issues and remained open for business the entire time. The other Board members agreed.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 4:15 pm and will be held in person at the District office.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Sala made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 pm. Commissioner Melchionda seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Fruci,
District Clerk