

NORTH SAGAMORE WATER DISTRICT MEETING ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES FROM APRIL 25, 2018

The Annual Meeting of the North Sagamore Water District was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm in accordance with the bylaws of the District and applicable statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of acting on the articles of the warrant for said meeting issued by the Board of Water Commissioners of the District on April 4, 2018.

Moderator Ronald Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm in the community room at the Sagamore Beach Fire Station, Meetinghouse Lane, Sagamore Beach, MA. The quorum was met according to the Bylaws of the District. There were 109 registered voters verified with the official voting lists provided by the towns of Bourne and Sandwich. There were non-voters in attendance as well.

All articles in the warrant were presented and read by Moderator Ronald Morgan with the exception of Article 1 which was presented and read by District Counsel Robert Troy.

Article 1 – To see if the District will vote to elect a Moderator for one year

Commissioner Sala moved that the District vote to elect Ronald Morgan as Moderator for a term of one year. Commissioner Melchionda seconded the motion. There were no other nominations from the floor. Seeing and hearing none, a voice vote was taken and Ronald Morgan was elected by unanimous vote as Moderator for the term of one year.

Commissioner Sala made a motion to move Article 2 out of order so all attendees could be checked in. Moderator Morgan announced all attendees have been registered. Commissioner Sala withdrew the motion.

Article 2 – To see if the District will vote to elect by ballot a Water Commissioner for a term of three years

Moderator Morgan announced both candidates would be allowed to speak for 3 minutes before voting began. Candidate Mark Bergeron spoke first, followed by Candidate Stephen Mealy. A vote by secret ballot was taken. The votes were counted by Water District staff as the meeting continued.

Article 3 – To see if the District will vote to hear and act upon the reports of the District officers

Commissioner Bergeron made a motion that the North Sagamore Water District vote to hear and act upon the reports of the District officers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Melchionda. The article passed by a unanimous vote of the District.

Article 4 – To see if the District will vote to transfer a sum of money between the Salaries and Wages, Maintenance and Operations and Miscellaneous Expenses of the Fiscal Year 18 District Regular Expenses Appropriations or act anything thereon.

Commissioner Melchionda made a motion that the District appropriate the sum of \$14,640.00 for the purposes of this article, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$14,640.00 from the FY18 Maintenance and Operations to FY18 Salary and Wages. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. The article passed by a unanimous vote of the District.

Article 5 – To see if the District will vote to fix the salary compensation of the Commissioners, Moderator and Clerk of the District as provided by Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws as amended and that the District raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefore for the fiscal year 2019, or act anything thereon.

Commissioner Sala made the motion that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,450.00 for the purposes of this article, and to meet this appropriation, raise the sum of \$1,450.00. Commissioner Melchionda seconded the motion. The article passed by a unanimous vote of the District.

Article 6 – To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to raise and appropriate borrow or transfer from free cash in the treasury a sum of money for the purposes of purchasing a new light duty pickup truck for the District to replace an existing pickup truck, or act anything thereon.

There was a question from the floor regarding the number of trucks and what kind of truck would be purchased. Commissioner Melchionda explained 1 light duty pickup truck would be purchased to replace an existing vehicle.

Commissioner Bergeron made the motion that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of this article, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from free cash. Commissioner Melchionda seconded the motion. The article passed by a unanimous vote of the District.

Article 7 – To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from free cash in the treasury a sum of money for purposes of meter conversions or upgrades, or act anything thereon.

Commissioner Sala made the motion that the District vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purpose of this article, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$40,000.00 from free cash. Commissioner Melchionda seconded the motion. The article passed by a unanimous vote of the District.

Article 8 – To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from free cash in the treasury a sum of money for purposes of improvements and upgrades to the District's water treatment plants. Funds may be used for replacement of filter media, replacement of valves, renovations, chemical feed pumps, lagoon or containment improvements, piping upgrades, engineering and electrical upgrades, or act anything thereon.

Commissioner Melchionda made the motion that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$520,000.00 for the purpose of this article, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$300,000.00 from unexpended funds of the FY18 Article 6 – Storage Tank Rehabilitation, transfer the sum of \$155,000.00 from available free cash and raise the sum of \$65,000.00. Commissioner Sala seconded the motion. The article passed by a unanimous vote of the District.

Article 9 - To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to defray the regular expenses of the District for FY19, or act anything thereon.

There was a question from the floor asking for clarification of what is included in the miscellaneous expenses line item in the FY19 budget. Commissioner Melchionda explained it includes short term borrowing, legal, engineering, audit, bcr, telephone, office supplies, postage, and other incidentals.

A second question from the floor was concerning the insurance line item in the FY19 budget. Commissioner Melchionda provided a breakdown of the insurance line item which includes group insurance, property and casualty, worker's compensation and other insurance.

Commissioner Bergeron made the motion that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,158,765.01 for the purpose of this article and to meet this appropriation, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,158,765.01 in the amounts and for the purposes as set forth on budget spreadsheet (Exhibit A) attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Commissioner Sala seconded the motion. The article passed by a unanimous vote of the District.

Moderator Ronald Morgan announced the results of the election with Mark Bergeron receiving 69 votes and Stephen Mealy receiving 38 votes. Mark Bergeron was re-elected as Water Commissioner for the North Sagamore Water District for a term of 3 years.

He thanked all in attendance for coming out and supporting the District.

Moderator Ronald Morgan established the business of the District was complete and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. The motion was seconded from the floor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Fruci
District Clerk