

NORTH SAGAMORE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 28, 2018

The North Sagamore Water District Board of Water Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 4:15 pm at the North Sagamore Water District office at 14 Squanto Road, Sagamore Beach. Commissioner Melchionda called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

Those in attendance at the start of the meeting were: Chairperson Mark Melchionda, Commissioner George Sala, Commissioner Mark Bergeron, Superintendent Matt Sawicki, Treasurer Maureen Fruci, Town of Sandwich Assistant Assessor Ben Styche and District resident Stephen Mealy.

CLASSIFICATION HEARING – TOWN OF SANDWICH

Ben Styche Assistant Assessor for the Town of Sandwich explained the Board of Assessors for the Town of Sandwich recommends adopting a factor of 1 for all classes of property for FY2019 with no residential exemption, no open space discount and no small commercial exemption. Commissioner Bergeron made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Board of Assessors for the Town of Sandwich to adopt a factor of 1 for FY2019 with no residential exemption, no open space discount and no small commercial exemption. Commissioner Sala seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES 9/12/18 & 10/17/18

Commissioner Sala made a motion to accept the meeting minutes dated 9/12/18. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Commissioner Sala made a motion to accept the meeting minutes dated 10/17/18. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. The motion was accepted.

UPDATE ON CHURCH LANE TREATMENT PLANT FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT

Superintendent Sawicki updated the Board on the progress of the Church Lane treatment plant filter media replacement project. He explained the paint inside the tanks looks good there are no scratches. The base gravel was disrupted and the size of the media has broken down over time allowing the greensand and anthracite to escape the vessel. There was a discussion that the initial start-up could have caused that. The micro baffles were able to be taken out with no problems. The District has more knowledge this time around with the operation of the plant so these problems should be eliminated.

The project is going smoothly. Tanks 3 and 4 will be backwashed again tomorrow. The next layer of anthracite will be put in and then backwashed. The vessels may be able to go back online next week. The vessels were sprayed with pantonite to clean the iron. Work on tanks 1 and 2 will begin after that.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE ON OPEN LABORER POSITION

There was a discussion of the open laborer position. Superintendent Sawicki will post an ad in the local newspaper and on the District's website.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE ON NEW SERVICE INSTALLATION FEES

Superintendent Sawicki provided the Board with a draft of the new service installation fees for their review. The proposed increase is based on the current cost of parts, labor and an administration fee. The current service installation fee is \$1,500 and with the new cost the District could charge \$2,500. There were minor changes to the service installation fee when the developer has installed the curb stop.

After a brief discussion Commissioner Sala made a motion to accept the service installation fees as presented including adding ***Water Connections Larger than 2"*** information to the District's Rates and Regulations. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

DISCUSSION OF NORRIS ROAD TANK PAINTING PROJECT

Superintendent Sawicki updated the Board regarding the Norris Road tank paint issue. He stated that since Worldwide Industries was notified of the paint failure on the Norris Road tank last spring, there has been no satisfactory response from them. They submitted paint samples however they are not acknowledging why the primer came off of the tank. CEI engineer, Kristen Berger asked Worldwide for a written course of action for fixing the paint issue and had no response. On 11/9/18 the Superintendent sent a letter to Worldwide requesting a written plan for the repair of the Norris Road tank within 3 days. As of this date no plan has been submitted by Worldwide. Superintendent Sawicki mentioned the falling temperatures are a concern. The District has retained \$35,000-\$40,000 until the issue is fixed. In addition, Superintendent Sawicki said the District will ask for a warranty when the work is done. Commissioner Sala said the District can hold up Worldwide's bond until the issue is resolved. The Superintendent added, the inspector hired by the District, David Merithew has not been helpful with the situation either.

Commissioner Melchionda recommended giving Worldwide until the end of the week to respond with a written plan of action. If they do not follow through, the District's attorney will be contacted and a hold will be placed on the bond.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF FY20 BUDGET & CAPITAL ARTICLES

Superintendent Sawicki presented a preliminary capital plan to the Board. There was a discussion regarding the Phillips Road water main replacement. Commissioner Sala said the paving of Phillips Road is on the Town of Bourne's 5-year capital plan. He suggested it would be a good idea for the town of Bourne and the District work on the paving and water main replacement at the same time.

The Superintendent gave the Board two spreadsheets with a cost breakdown of the water main replacement, one showing costs for replacing the water main from Standish Road to the Bourne town line and one showing costs from Standish Road to Scusset Beach. The Superintendent

said he would put together some numbers for the cost of a 20-year bond for the water main replacement for the next meeting.

Superintendent Sawicki also said he would like to investigate other well sources in the District and in addition the Bournedale tank rehabilitation is on the capital plan for FY22.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sawicki informed the Board there will be a hearing at the planning board on 12/13/18 in regards to extending the special permit for 829 scenic highway.

Water meter reading will begin next month.

The District will begin flushing the Herring Run condos tomorrow.

The pump at Black Pond well will need to be replaced when the Church Lane treatment plant media replacement project is complete. The pump is losing power.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Fruci informed the Board there is \$2,346.22 outstanding from the July 2018 water bills.

The finalized FY19 lien list was given to the Board.

There was a discussion regarding connection fees being placed in a separate account for future development in the District. The Board recommended Attorney Bob Troy advise the District on the proper way to set up the account.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ANY BUSINESS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF MEETING

None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/SELECT NEXT MEETING DATE

Commissioner Sala thanked the District for helping out with the septic issue on Savary Avenue.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 4:15 pm.

Commissioner Bergeron offered to host a holiday get together at his home on Thursday, December 20, 2018.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Sala made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 pm. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. The motion was accepted.

Respectfully submitted

Maureen Fruci
District Clerk