

NORTH SAGAMORE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES JULY 13, 2021

The North Sagamore Water District Board of Water Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 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, Commissioner George Sala, Superintendent Matt Sawicki and Treasurer Maureen Fruci.

Before the meeting began Chairperson Melchionda acknowledged the passing of longtime former NSWDC Water Commissioner Jim Morgan. All those in attendance observed a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Morgan.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES DATED 6/16/21

Commissioner Sala made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated 6/16/21 as written. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE ON RATES & REGULATIONS FOR SUPPLYING WATER

Superintendent Sawicki informed the Board he made the changes to the District's Rates & Regulations that were discussed at the last meeting. He explained the new rates for service calls are for a minimum of 1 hour for 2 technicians at \$130.00 per hour plus the cost of the repair parts. There will be an additional charge of \$115.00 per hour for the machine and an operator. In addition, a change was made to item #11 which references repairing and replacing a water service. The District will now charge a Service Installation fee to any property owner who requests to have their water service (owned by the District) relocated. Item #24 was added to the Rates & Regulations and states: Property owners or contractors causing damage to the water system due to negligence and resulting in the need for technicians to respond, shall be charged for repairs in accordance with District Rates & Regulations service call. The Board said they were happy with the changes. Commissioner Sala made a motion to accept the changes to the District's Rates & Regulations as written and made effective 7/13/21. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sawicki presented the Board with the water conservation and lawn and irrigation information sheet which will be included with the July water bills. He explained it contains information mostly about lawn irrigation and rain sensors because there are a lot more homeowners with irrigation systems now.

The Superintendent said he received a quote of \$3,000-4,000 for repairs to Jon Devine's truck which would involve taking the service body off and finding a frame with new pieces. He said another repair person was going to look at the truck tomorrow. There was a discussion regarding whether or not it was worth spending the money to repair the truck. Commissioner Sala said the price of new trucks are especially high at this time and it might be worth repairing it. The Board recommended waiting to get a price on the repair before making a decision regarding the truck. Commissioner Melchionda recommended getting the dump truck repaired soon as well.

Superintendent Sawicki told the Board the town of Bourne Planning Board voted to approve the garage at 152 State Road with the conditions the District asked for. However, he hasn't received anything in writing yet.

The Superintendent received a letter from the Phillips Road-Sandwich homeowner's association. He said he will attend their meeting in the fall.

Underwater Solutions returned and completed a full scale diving inspection of the Clark Road tank. The inspection showed the tank is in good shape. The ladder is starting to fail so they recommended repairing or replacing it.

Superintendent Sawicki said he is planning to take a couple of days off in July and August. Commissioner Melchionda said he would like to give the Superintendent an extra 24 hours of paid time off because of all of the extra meetings he has attended and all of the overtime he has put in. The Board unanimously agreed to give Superintendent Sawicki an additional 24 hours of paid time to be used as time off or paid out. The Board expressed the need for the Superintendent to take some well-deserved time off. Commissioner Sala made a motion to give the Superintendent an additional 24 hours of paid time to be used as time off or paid out. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Fruci informed the Board there are currently 68 past due accounts totaling \$10,951.16.

July water bills are being prepared now and will be mailed out by July 15th.

The audit firm Korbey Lague contacted the District. Auditor Bob Bliss is currently reviewing the FY20 audit package.

NEW BUSINESS

The Superintendent informed the Board the District received a CARES reimbursement of \$18,646.27. The money was issued to the town of Bourne and turned over to the District.

The Board asked about the property on Norris Road. Superintendent Sawicki said the builder has done everything that has been requested of them.

Commissioner Sala asked if there were any updates on the Hunters Brook development. The Superintendent said he was asked to extend the permit but otherwise has not had any updates on the project.

Commissioner Melchionda asked if the flow tests will be done next week. Superintendent Sawicki said engineer Kristen Berger will complete the test next week.

OLD BUSINESS

-CHURCH LANE WELL

Superintendent Sawicki said he is happy to have the Church Lane well back online.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/SELECT NEXT MEETING DATE

The Superintendent said he will be unable to attend the ZBA meeting on August 4th as he will be away on vacation. Commissioner Melchionda said he will attend the meeting. A meeting notice will be posted.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 4:15 pm.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Sala made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 pm. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Fruci,
District Clerk