

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Friday, November 12, 2021

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Friday, October 14, 2021 beginning in the garage and moved into the conference room, at the Wannacomet Water Company facilities at 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Commissioners present: Commissioners Allen Reinhard, Nonie Slavitz, Nelson Eldridge, Rob Benchley and Curtis Barnes were present. *Absent:* none. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director, Shelby Campbell - Business Manager, Linda Roberts – Projects Coordinator. Public: None.

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Reinhard at 8:00 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Commissioner Eldridge motioned to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Commissioner Slavitz with unanimous approval.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Review of Minutes from October 14, 2021** – After the meeting minutes for October 14, 2021 were reviewed Motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Slavitz with unanimous consent approved the minutes as presented.
5. **Production and Billing Report:** Director Willett reported that over the past month rainfall was up four and a half inches. More wet weather will come today and Sunday. Pumpage has been up over last year. Siasconset pumped more this year than ever. The pump ran ever three to four days prior to COVID and now pumps every day. Director Willett has been discussing a financial review with Peter Lamb to insure we are on track. Director Willett reviewed the Airports map of surrounding areas for potential water. The Airport will bring water across their property to Madequecham, Nobadeer Way and a portion of Skyline drive where it intersects at Woodland Drive to the end of Skyline Drive's cul-de-sac. Fire hydrants will be placed every 500 feet and installed along the way benefiting home owners for reduction in insurance. The town has applied for a revolving state and federal grant with CDM Smith. No word yet on that status. Robert B. Our is still working on sources for the pipe. The Town wants the work done at night which is more expensive and is a longer process.
6. **Directors review and updates:**
 - a. **Airport PFAS Project:** The Airport will bring water across their property to Madequecham, Nobadeer Way and a portion of Skyline drive where it intersects at Woodland Drive to the end of Skyline Drive's cul-de-sac. Fire hydrants will be placed every 500 feet and installed along the way benefiting home owners for reduction in insurance. The town has applied for a revolving state and federal grant with CDM Smith. No word yet on that status. Robert B. Our is still working on sources for the pipe. The Town wants the work done at night which is more expensive and is a longer process.
 - b. **Water Mains West of the Airport:** Monohansett, Webster, Okorwaw Ave, Lovers Lane and the remainder of Skyline Drive shown in red would allow the department to

loop the water lines. The plan is to move forward with this work and get this done. It will be a simple plan for the complete length with no drainage or sidewalks. The Engineers are 70% complete with the design. Victor Brandon is ordering materials and with nice days over 40 degrees the plant will be able to make mix.

c. Raceway Drive: With the nitrogen levels in the area from the golf course and farms two homes are being built on the right of Raceway Drive who want water. The homeowner is prepared to hire and privately pay Strang to install if we pay for pipe as was done on Larrabee Lane. We will stub with a valve for Clara Drive approximately 400 feet of 8" diameter. The Public Works department wants to do drainage and bike path changes. Homeowners on the end want to tie in and they are talking to their homeowners' association.

d. Other updates: Discussion included PFAS testing in the Airport area where the Airport continues supplying bottled water to those residents. The work is being scheduled to do the connections. Uncertain if the residents that connect will be able to keep their wells for irrigation. Discussion about prioritizing housing for Wannacomet staff included the need to end the month to month rent with the existing tenants. Motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge seconded by Commissioner Slavitz and amended by Commissioner Barnes to send a letter notifying the tenants to immediately cease and desist business activity at 43 Polpis Road and to notify the tenants delivered by Chair Reinhard. The motion carried with Commissioner Slavitz not voting. Discussion continued about terminating the month to month rent at the end of next month. It was suggested to consult with town counsel. Director Willett has been unable to find 20 acres of continues scrub oak habitat property. The new production well at Wyers Valley and North Pasture have good conductance. There will be a need to have a small building around it with pump controls.

7. **Execution of Contracts of Amendments if any pending:** None pending. Director Willett is authorized to sign all contacts under \$50,000. Contract over that threshold go before the commission for signature.
8. **Commissioner's comments and reserved for unforeseen items for discussion by the Chair:** Commissioners discussed the next meeting and they feel comfortable meeting in person in the conference room from now on.
9. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by the commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Benchley and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 AM.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Meeting packet included 11/12/21 Agenda, the minutes from 10/14/21; water production billing and rainfall reports and a map of the Airport area.