

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Thursday, December 9, 2021

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, December 9, 2021 in 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 Barnes. Commissioner Slavitz abstained.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Review of Minutes from November 12, 2021** – After the meeting minutes for November 12, 2021 were reviewed Motion was made by Commissioner Benchley, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge, with all in favor of the minutes as presented with the exception of Commissioner Slavitz who abstained.
5. **Production and Billing and Rainfall Reports:** Director Willett reported that over the past month rainfall was up as the highest November since 2014. This was a busy year with a decline after stroll. This year's rainfall seems to be similar with ten years ago.
6. **Directors review and updates:**
 - a. **Airport PFAS Project:** The Airport is bringing water across their property to Madequecham with some directional drilling to limit the impact and avoid invasive species, etc. Lines will be brought to Nobadeer Way and a portion to the East end of the Skyline drive cul-de-sac. The plan is to loop back and hook into the pump station. The Robert B Our have been a great crew to work with. The dry lines and stub services will be installed. Drainage soil sampling is being done. Director Willett has been spending a good deal of time working with the Airport and PFAS group for the town.
 - b. **FY 2023 budget:** The Director brought up the draft FY 2023 budget from the Open Gov portal. He reviewed the line items and discussion continued. Energy costs have gone up 10% or more, no raises have been given in three years. Motion was made by Commissioner Slavitz to increase salaries 2%, seconded by Commissioner Benchley and unanimously voted.
 - c. **New Well:** Soil and cost analysis are being reviewed for Wyers Valley, North Pasture for a new water source and what building will be needed for the site.
 - d. **Solar Project:** Discussion about the environmental impacts and the scrub oak requirements took place. Director Willett has been working with the State

Forest Superintendent Connor Laffey and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

7. **Execution of Contracts of Amendments if any pending:** The Director and Business Manager presented the contract for Harris Computer Systems for annual support and maintenance for utility billing software. Motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Barnes to renew and approve the contract for \$24,021.97 for 2022 and all five commissioners signed and dated 12/9/21.
8. **Commissioner's comments and reserved for unforeseen items for discussion by the Chair:** Discussion about building staff housing took place. Motion made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Barnes was made to use retained earnings for staff housing. The motion was voted four to one with Commissioner Slavitz abstaining.
9. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Barnes seconded by Commissioner Eldridge and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 AM.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Meeting packet included 12/09/21 Agenda, the minutes from 11/21/21 meeting; water production billing and rainfall reports and a map of the Airport area.