

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Thursday, October 13, 2022

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, October 13, 2022, in the conference room at the Wannacomet Water Company facilities at 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Allen Reinhard, Curtis Barnes, Rob Benchley, and Nelson Eldridge and John Pearl were present. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director, Shelby Campbell – Business Manager and Linda Roberts – Project Coordinator. *Public:* None.

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Commissioner Reinhard called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Motion made to accept the agenda as presented by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimously accepted.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Review of Minutes from September 8, 2022, and October 5, 2022.** Motion was made by Commissioner Benchley, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge, and unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented and authorized the chair to sign.
5. **Production, Billing and Rainfall Reports:** Director Willett commented on the recent rain which kept us three or four inches away from the trigger point of drought conditions. We will have more precipitation than last year by the end of the month. Pumpage continues to be up in Sconset. There have been more events and weddings than last year. Revenues are up and the wells are strong. Discussion took place about the shortage of meters and not being able to provide them to people who want to measure well water who are on town sewer or for their irrigation.
6. **Director's Review and Updates:**
 - a. **West of Airport Main Project:** Work on extending the water main and transportation project continues. There are several engineers and consultants collaborating on the projects. Hopefully this will be bid out soon so the project can take place over the winter.
 - b. **Capital Projects:** Discussion included water main improvements and extensions, the solar project, fire hydrants, well pump and tank maintenance, Siasconset garage, and a structure for Wyers' Valley to put materials under cover and employee housing. Commissioners asked questions and made comment throughout the discussion.
 - c. **Sewer Force Main:** The project has started but is moving slowly as they pass obstacles in the road and the tight areas, they are having to work in.
 - d. **Inventory & Supply:** The crew are using all that they can to get by with materials. Contractors being awarded projects are having the impossible task of finding the materials they need to do their work. The shortage of supplies will impact the services planned for west of the airport.
 - e. **2024 Budget:** Director Willett will present the budget at the next monthly meeting. Electrical costs have increased thirty to forty percent. Fuel and inventory costs are soaring, and we will have to move funds and tighten up to get by in this fiscal year. The unknown escalating costs are making it difficult to forecast next year's budget.
7. **Execution of Contracts or Amendments if any pending:** None.

8. **Commissioner's Comments and Reserved for Unforeseen Items for Discussion not anticipated by the Chair.** Chairman Reinhard thanked Mr. Willett for assisting with the cemetery map. Business Manager Shelby Campbell noted that the invitation for bids was advertised for billing services, landscaping, and supply and deliver of miscellaneous parts and supplied. Those bids will be due later this month.
9. **Adjournment:** As there was no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimously voted to recess the meeting at 9:30 AM.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Meeting packet included 10/13/22 Agenda and reports.