

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Thursday, March 9, 2023

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, March 9, 2023, in the conference room at the Wannacomet Water Company facilities at 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

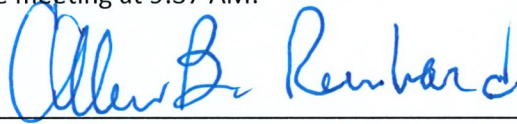
Commissioners Present: Commissioners Allen Reinhard, Curtis Barnes, Robert Benchley and Nelson Eldridge. Commissioner Pearl was unable to attend the meeting today. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director and Linda Roberts – Project Coordinator. *Public:* Brook Meerbergen.

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:** Brook Meerbergen appeared before the Commission desiring water be brought to his property from Fairgrounds Road. He has agreement from two neighbors who front on Fairgrounds Road to acquire easements then cross through to Lewis Court and over to his property at 9 Lewis Court. After review of the GIS map and discussion a solution could be for Mr. Meerbergen and others to provide the easements and pay for the contractors and plumbers to install the service line to the end of Lewis Court and the Wannacomet Water Department would supply the materials and fire hydrants. A motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Barnes and unanimously voted to supply the materials for bringing water and hydrants from Newtown Road down to the end of Lewis Court with Mr. Meerbergen and others to provide the easements and pay for the contractors. Mr. Meerbergen left the room at 8:32 AM to attend another meeting.
4. **Review of Minutes from the January 12 and February 9, 2023, meetings.** Motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Barnes and unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2023, and February 9, 2023 minutes and authorize the chair to sign.
5. **Production, Billing and Rainfall Reports:** Director Willett reported precipitation being up with more rain over the prior year at this time. Pumpage is following the normal trend downward. The billing is going well, and staff are working with people who experienced broken pipes and high bills over the significant cold snap. Director Willett is meeting with Fire Chief Michael Cranson each month.
6. **Director's Review and Updates:**
 - a. **Solar Project:** We have exhausted the second attempt to find land to mitigate and it appears the only alternative is to pay the in lieu fee for the mitigation. Director Willett will continue to advocate for the mitigation fee go for on island group rather than somewhere else in the commonwealth.
 - b. **West of Airport Main Project:** Work on extending the water main and transportation project continues. Construction bids are out. Despite the high numbers of PFAS, a few of the abutters of Monohansett have withdrawn their plan to pay and work with the abutter of the airport for easements. Instead, they are now willing to wait until we bring the water down to their area.
 - c. **Sewer force main project:** Director Willett updated the commissioners on the progress with the Sewer force main in town. The work progresses slowly from the Sea Street pump station down Ash, Center, to Lily and around to Liberty Street. Several homes have had to have temp water on Lily Street while replacement lines are being installed. The work has

been tedious and will probably only make it halfway and will stop in June and resume in the fall. One home on Lily Street had their basement flooded with water as their valves were left open. We continue to work with the sewer department on their extension from Surfside Road to South Shore Road which work is done at night. We have eight lead services being removed and continue to work on our lead replacement program.

- d. **Easements for water mains:** After discussion of easements all agreed that easements in the towns right of way are preferred.
7. **Execution of Contracts or Amendments if any pending:** None at this time. We received several bids from local contractors and one from an off-island company to do the water company landscaping. Ryan Conway Landscaping was the successful bidder. Next month we should have the contracts ready for signing.
8. **Commissioner's Comments and Reserved for Unforeseen Items for Discussion not anticipated by the Chair.** Brett Johnson from Clow hydrants was here in February and will be sending us valves for hydrants. The water department is working on mapping information for storm water drains and the sewer department is providing the equipment to clean out and maintain the drains.
9. **Adjournment:** As there was no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Benchley, and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 AM.

Approved: _____



Date: _____



Meeting packet included 3/09/23 Agenda and reports.