

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Thursday, April 13, 2023

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, in the conference room at the Wannacomet Water Company facilities at 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Allen Reinhard, Curtis Barnes, and Nelson Eldridge were present. Commissioners Benchley and Pearl were unable to attend. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director, Shelby Campbell – Business Manager and Linda Roberts – Project Coordinator. *Public:* None. *Guests:* DM Smith engineers Andrew Miller was in person and Erin Smith via phone.

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Commissioner Reinhard recognized that the three commissioners present met the quorum and 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 the March 9, 2023, meeting.** The minutes will be presented next month.
5. **Production, Billing and Rainfall Reports:** Director Willett reported precipitation continues where it should be for April. Pumpage is following the normal trend. The billing is going well. The staff continue to work with people who have experienced high bills.
6. **Director's Review and Updates:**
 - a. **CDM Smith Water Distribution Model:** A presentation was provided by CDM Smith engineers Andrew Miller and Erin Smith. The presentation was done using power point on the mondo pad and through handouts. CDM Smith has continued to work with the town's work group which is entering the second phase. Their work includes a town wide PFAS assessment, sampling wastewater, protocols for town workers and landfill monitoring. They are using the distribution model calibration as a tool for future planning for capital needs. They require good data for the best scenarios.
 - b. **West of Airport Main Project:** Work on extending the water main project continues. The construction bids are being managed by the Finance Director. The bid opening is being extended as some things are being changed. The Town has agreed to supply and stockpile the materials, so we are ready to go in the fall.
 - c. **Sewer force main project:** Director Willett updated the commissioners on the Sewer force main. Progress continues during the day in town on Lily Street, which is moving to Liberty, Gardner, Winter, Pine and up Atlantic Street. The surfside area work takes place at night. Working at night has cost the Water Department overtime when our staff is being called out to assist. All work will stop in June and resume in the fall. We are having to pull back on some of the ten-year capital items if we have to follow planned sewer improvements. We continue to work with the sewer department to improve storm water collection.
 - d. **East of the Airport Commercial:** Several commercial businesses renting Airport property to the East of the runway have raised concerns about PFAS and water quality from drinking and using water from private wells. The Commissioners agreed that safe water was essential and want the Director to work with the airport to service this area.
 - e. **Charging stations of electric vehicles:** The Town's Energy Coordinator Lauren Sinatra is working on additional charging stations and has plans to install two on the water company property. These would be placed on the 1 Milestone Road lot where the staff park closest to Milestone Road. This will be brought in directly from the power line at no charge to our

department. We will need to gate off the back area to keep the public out. The solar project is in the final stages of environmental impact review. The search for property to mitigate has been exhausted. A new group is working with Natural Heritage to try and keep the in-lieu fee finds to be used on island.

7. **Execution of Contracts or Amendments if any pending:** Business Manager Shelby Campbell presented the contract amendment for meters with the E J Prescott company, the landscaping services contract with Ryan Conway Landscaping and the contract to move our software to the cloud with Harris. Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge to approve the amendments and contracts. With unanimous approval the Commissioners signed each of the contracts.
8. **Commissioner's Comments and Reserved for Unforeseen Items for Discussion not anticipated by the Chair.** Director Willett talked about the new well and its pump testing protocol. The drillers have been here running two twelve-hour crews from 7 AM to 7 PM then 7 PM to 7 AM. They are doing 1,000 gallons per minute and everything is working well. Next year's capital plan will need a standalone building. The Town's Compensation study has not been released and is under review. Commissioners were reminded that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 3 at 8:30 AM. The town is scheduling a special town meeting to be held in the fall. This would be the time to do an article for the commission to borrow or transfer retained earnings. The next commission meeting is set for Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 8 AM.
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 9:38 AM.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Meeting packet included 4/13/23 Agenda, reports and power point presentation from CDM Smith.