

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Thursday, September 14, 2023

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, September 14, 2023, in the conference room at the Wannacomet Water Company facilities at 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

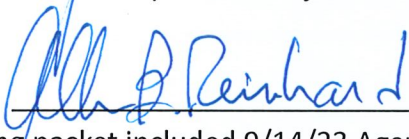
Commissioners Present: Commissioners Allen Reinhard, Curtis Barnes, Rob Benchley, Nelson Eldridge, and John Pearl were present. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director, and Linda Roberts Project Coordinator. *Public:* None.

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Commissioner Reinhard recognized that all commissioners were present and called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Motion made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Benchley, and unanimously accepted the agenda as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** Mark Chitester owner of 3 Teasdale Circle was present to talk about bringing water to his lot on Teasdale. He has received estimates from local contractors to bring the water down. After discussion it was decided that Mr. Chitester come to the Water Company and meet with Rob West the Operations Manager and Director Willett to review further. Mr. Chitester thanked the Commissioners and Director Willett and left the meeting at 8:16 AM.
4. **Review of Minutes from August 10, 2023.** After review Commissioner Barnes motioned to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eldridge and unanimously approved.
5. **Production, Billing and Rainfall Reports:** Director Willett reported August precipitation was the driest August in recent history and that recent rain has helped. Siasconset use remains steady and predictable. Wannacomet was a little down for August. Irrigation was up due to little precipitation. Billing is going well, and staff continue to work with any customers who fall behind making calls first and only shutting off as a last resort.
6. **Director's Review and Updates:**
 - a. **West of Airport Water Main Project:** The work on extending the water main is set to continue mid- October with CC Construction. Materials paid by the Finance Department are being stored by the Water Company. Director Willett has met with the engineers, the Finance Director, and contractor Chris Cooney for CC Construction Company.
 - b. **Sewer force main:** The sewer force main will resume working 4:00 PM to 4 AM with two crews from Surfside Road to South Shore Road. They will switch to days later. The Sewer work will be resuming at Lily and Liberty Streets. The Siasconset sewer is being planned to extend down Hydrangea Lane and Windsor.
 - c. **Main extensions:** Director Willett updated the commissioners on recent DEP testing and inquiries by homeowners. The DEP has been conducting PFAS testing in the Toms Way, and looking into surrounding areas of Dooley Court, Ticcoma Way, Seikinow, Dooley and Toombs Court. There have been test results of over 100 parts per trillion. A few residents concerned about nitrogen levels in the Doc Ryder and Hendersons Drive areas will be extending water lines to their homes. Presently this is available to residents in the area abutting Bartlet or Somerset Roads. The Sewer Director is planning to upgrade and extend the sewer to the Miacomet Golf area. The Nantucket Land and Water Council is offering private well testing with Dr. Graham Peaslee and his team at Notre Dame University. Owners must apply through their organization for a pre cursor test of PFAS.
 - d. **System update:** Director Willett shared the difficulties he has had with the motor control on well pump 16. The bypass allows for manual control. Director Willett continues to work

with the Sewer Director to address storm water. The Forest Avenue commercial restaurant with apartments above project is moving forward. Infiltrators for stormwater have been added. Emergency repairs were done for water main breaks on Somerset Road and India Streets this past month.

7. **Discussion, amendment and execution of any personnel or vendor contracts.** The Commissioners signed and dated the contract for meters with E J Prescott which was prepared by the Finance Department staff. This contract was previously approved and voted unanimously by the Commission.
8. **Commissioner's Comments and Reserved for Unforeseen Items for Discussion not anticipated by the Chair.** It was noted that an article was published in the Vineyard Gazette regarding the ruling of a state Land Court judges ruling that the Oaks Bluff planning board overstepped its authority when it denied the Marthas Vineyard Regional High School's application for an artificial turf field based on ground water protection. It was noted that another article was published stating there was a higher rate of football injuries when using artificial turn. Discussion about PFAS concerns continued.
9. **Adjournment:** Motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimously voted to adjourn the regular business meeting at 10:01 AM.

Approved: _____

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Date: 10/12/23

The meeting packet included 9/14/23 Agenda, reports, and information on the Mondo Board.