

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Thursday, October 12, 2023

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, October 12, 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, and Nelson Eldridge were present. Commissioner John Pearl was absent. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director, Shelby Campbell Business Manager and Linda Roberts Project Coordinator. *Public:* Peter Kaizer, Jr., Julie Reinemo, Cathy Ruley Condon, Thomas Santos, William Santos, Joanne Skokan, John Stackpole, Anna Swietlik, and Albert Swietlik.

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Commissioner Reinhard recognized that all commissioners were present and called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Motion made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Benchley, and unanimously accepted the agenda as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** Correspondence was sent to the Commissioners by the following who were unable to attend today's meeting: Rosie Ruley Atkins, Sarah Santos, Patricia Santos/Greg Ferry, Meg Ruley/David Lovett, and Robert Ruley/Meg Ruley. Nine members of the public came to discuss concerns about water quality and recent visits to the island from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Several of the public present spoke about their concerns and efforts reaching out to the Town's Health Department/Director and the Environmental Contamination Coordinator. Director Willett pulled up the Town's GIS map and identified mid island areas where Mass DEP are testing. Director Willett talked about extending the water main starting at Ticcoma Way, Tom's Way to Ruperts, picking up areas of Youngs Way, Bayberry Lane, Toombs Court and Dooley Court. Discussion continued about what has been done by the DEP thus far, what the possibilities and timing could be if funding and resources are made available. Approval for funding, easements, some brush cutting and surveying will be needed. Director Willett will continue to work on this and provide updates. The members of the public thanked the Commissioners and Director Willett and left the meeting.
4. **Review of Minutes from September 14, 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 September had a good amount of rain with more forecasted getting us back to where we should be. The pumps are turning off in the afternoon and we can see that irrigations are being shut down. Siasconset use remains steady and predictable. We are still on pace to 2023 being the biggest year we have ever seen. 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:** This project will start next week. Director Willett and Rob West, our Operations Manager, mapped out the water line on our CAD file. The contractor is CC Construction, who anticipates getting all the pipes laid by May.
 - b. **Sewer force main:** The sewer force main has resumed working from 4 PM to 4 AM blocking off at four corners by the school with two crews from Surfside Road to South Shore Road. They will switch to days later. In-town sewer work will be resuming soon on Lily and Liberty Streets. Water staff will meet with their foreman to anticipate what we need to do and

- minimize the impact of water being shut off temporarily as we move along. Siasconset sewer is planned to extend to Hydrangea Lane and Windsor.
- c. **Main extensions:** Director Willett will have to put the brakes on some of our pending projects since we do not know how funding will play out. Director Willett will continue to monitor and analyze data for water protection and investigate what funds can be accessed. He estimates the mid island work would be Two Million Dollars just for paving curb to curb since asphalt paving is running about One Million Dollars per mile. Director Willett shared information about incineration, POETs filtration systems, the PFOS six, PFOA and 30 other contaminants. There is a lot of information on the Towns website. Director Willett updated the commissioners about the water break on Commercial Wharf. This repair and replacement work was tedious for the staff and the excavation contractor Barrett's Enterprises making use of their equipment using well points and crossing carefully around numerous conduits. A frac truck tank was used for removal of soils. The cost of these repairs will be shared with Nantucket Island Resorts.
7. **Discussion, amendment and execution of any personnel or vendor contracts.** Commissioner Barnes shared information from last night's Select Board meeting and thoughts about public news.
8. **Commissioner's Comments and Reserved for Unforeseen Items for Discussion not anticipated by the Chair.** Commissioners were reminded that the Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 5 PM and the next meeting of the Commission will be on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 8 AM.
9. **Adjournment:** Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Benchley, and unanimously voted to adjourn the regular business meeting at 9:39 AM.

Approved: Allen S. Reinhard Date: Nov. 9, 2023
The meeting packet included 10/12/23 Agenda, reports, and information on the Mondo Board.