

Nantucket Water Commission  
Minutes of Thursday, March 14, 2024

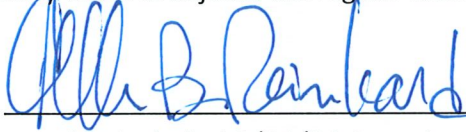
A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, in the conference room at the Wannacomet Water Company facilities at 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

*Commissioners Present:* Commissioners Robert Benchley, Curtis Barnes, Nelson Eldridge and John Pearl were present. Absent: Commissioner Allen Reinhard & Nelson Eldridge. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director, and Linda Roberts Project Coordinator, and Shelby Campbell Business Manager. *Public:* John Barnes.

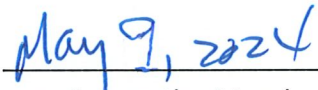
1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Commissioner Benchley acting as chair and called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Motion made by Commissioner Pearl, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimously accepted the agenda as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Review of Minutes from February 8, 2024.** The minutes from February 8, 2024, were reviewed and the motion to accept was made by Commissioner Pearl, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimously approved as presented.
5. **Production, Billing and Rainfall Reports:** Director Willett provided the production, billing, and rainfall reports for the first two months of 2024. Rainfall is up however the DEP still has us under drought conditions. The Director has been in touch with several of the irrigation contractors who will be starting to turn on systems in April and May. With assistance from Mass Water Works representative Jennifer Pederson, they have moved Nantucket and Marthas Vineyard from a level two significant drought to a level one mild drought condition. The billing vendor has done the necessary preliminary work and will be sending out the March bills the first week of April. They will include a new PDF version with the emailed bills. Water production and revenue are up for February. The DEP has been testing private wells further out from the old Fire Station and has plans to test in Madaket around Arkansas since there was a private test done with PFAS detection. The Director met with the Health Department regarding the new regulation that requires private testing for PFAS prior to the sale of a property. The regulation mandates testing but no actions. Discussion included filtration systems, reverse osmosis, POET systems, and maintenance programs. The hydraulic model will help analyze different scenarios as more demand is put on the system. The Director has been in contact with Nick Larrabee who works for the Nantucket Conservation Foundation. He has monitoring records for the cranberry bogs that may be useful.
6. **Director's Review and Updates:**
  - a. **West of Airport Water Main Project:** C C Construction have moved from Nobadeer Way and further along Monohansett Road. So far there has been about 3,200 feet of pipe laid. Director Willett continues to communicate weekly with the residents of Tom's Way. The sewer department is assisting with the storm water drainage issues on Lovers Lane. There is some interest from owners around the Boulevard that may want water.
  - b. **Sewer Force Main Update:** Director Willett reported on the progress being made with in town sewer work. The Robert B. Our Company has been working on Pleasant, Gardner and Liberty Streets. The N&M Company who did work in Siasconset at King Street has moved into town and working on Vestal Street. Union street will have to be partially blocked so we can repair a water main leak. The service was from the 1900's.

- c. **Washing Pond Tank & Tank Maintenance:** The Director will be putting together a bid to do cleaning, painting, and tank maintenance. This work is required for asset management regulations. Interior tank inspections now include inserting a mini sub into the tanks. We have scheduled our tanks to be inspected next month.
  - d. **Replacement of State Forest Generator:** The cost to repair the generator is nearly as much as replacement for the Lovers Lane pump generator. The Director and Business Manager are working with the Finance Department to process this as an emergency. Discussion included energy costs, propane versus diesel so the motor doesn't run as hard. This unit is 12 to 13 years old and ran under 100 hours.
7. **Discussion, amendment and execution of any personnel or vendor contracts.** Business Manager Shelby Campbell presented the annual cost for support services with Harris Computers and an amendment for excavation services with Barrett Enterprises. Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Pearl, and unanimously voted to approve and all present signed their names.
8. **Commissioner's Comments and Reserved for Unforeseen Items for Discussion not anticipated by the Chair.** Solar panels on buildings like the sewer department has installed will be explored.
9. **Adjournment:** Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Pearl, and unanimously voted to adjourn the regular business meeting at 9:27 AM.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_



The meeting packet included 3/14/24 Agenda, reports, and information on the Mondo Board.