

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Thursday, April 11, 2024

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, in the conference room at the Wannacomet Water Company facilities at 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Allen Reinhard, Curtis Barnes, Nelson Eldridge and John Pearl were present. *Absent:* Commissioner Robert Benchley. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director, and Linda Roberts Project Coordinator, and Shelby Campbell Business Manager. *Public:* None.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Commissioner Reinhard recognized a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Motion made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Pearl, and unanimously accepted the agenda as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Review of Minutes from March 14, 2024.** After review, the minutes from March 14, 2024, and the motion to accept was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Pearl, and unanimously approved as presented.
5. **Production, Billing and Rainfall Reports:** Director Willett provided the production, billing, and rainfall reports for the first quarter of 2024. Rainfall is up however the DEP still has us under a mild drought condition. The USGS two-inch monitoring well is being checked on May 2, 2024. Director Willett hopes to be available to review how they calibrate the monitoring well and what specifics they use to be sure it's not impacted by tides, and how they calculate their data as that matters. Jennifer Pederson from the Massachusetts Water Works Association has been the liaison to the DEP staff monitoring drought conditions. Production is up for both Wannacomet and Siasconset. The landscapers are out in force and irrigation companies are starting up the systems for the season. The hydro seeding companies and the deer protection companies are out. The billing vendor is doing pdf email bills now and sent out the April bills. The DEP continues to test private wells further out from the old Fire Station and in Madaket around Arkansas and Goose Cove. Discussion and review of a letter was received from Ms. Veronica Bolcik owner of 22 Arkansas Avenue regarding PFAS took place. An unidentified home in the Ramos Court area is being receiving water through the DEP. The Health Department is assisting residents on private wells with testing their water for bacteria and PFAS for \$400 per test. We had a leak on Gardner Street where the sewer work is taking place.
6. **Director's Review and Updates:**
 - a. **West of Airport Water Main Project:** C C Construction have moved from Nobadeer Way down Monohansett Road to Orkawaw and finishing Lovers Lane shortly. The Town's finance director might have state revolving loan funds to assist with the extras. Director Willett continues to communicate weekly with the residents of Tom's Way. The sewer department will assist with the storm water drainage issues on Lovers Lane. With the water line going into the ground there is interest from surrounding homeowners nearby. Lawrence Lynch's crew will need asphalt for the Airport project soon.
 - b. **Sewer Force Main Update:** Director Willett reported on the progress being made with in town sewer work. We had a water leak on Gardner Street where the sewer work is being done. The Robert B. Our Company assisted us in fixing the issue. They have been working on Pleasant, Gardner and Liberty Streets. The N&M Company who were working on Vestal Street have moved to Atlantic Ave and Pleasant Streets.
 - c. **Washing Pond Tank & Tank Maintenance:** The Director has been putting together the specifications for cleaning, painting, and tank maintenance. This work is required for asset

management regulations. Interior tank inspections will be done next week using a mini sub videotaping inside the tanks. Hopefully, those inspection reports will be prepared for next month.

- d. **Future Capital Projects:** The EPA finalized their judgement for PFAS and PFOS regulation changes of four parts per trillion. The Director is meeting with the town's PFAS work group on Thursday. We will need to identify a new location and move forward with a new well. The Director and Business Manager are working with the Finance Department to process the contract for the Lovers Lane generator as an emergency. The Director is working with the Town's Energy Coordinator Lauren Sinatra on getting a bid for putting panels on the water company buildings.

7. **Discussion, amendment, and execution of any personnel or vendor contracts:** None.
8. **Commissioner's Comments and Reserved for Unforeseen Items for Discussion not anticipated by the Chair.** Commissioner Barnes shared information from last night's Select Board meeting.
9. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Pearl, and unanimously voted the regular business meeting at 9:36 AM.

Approved: Allen D. Rainard Date: May 9, 2024

The meeting packet included 4/11/24 Agenda, reports, a letter from Ms. Veronica Bolcik owner of 22 Arkansas Avenue and information on the Mondo Board.