

Nantucket Water Commission

Minutes of Thursday, June 13, 2024

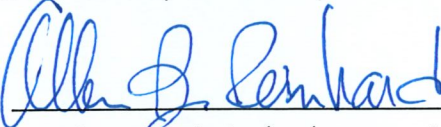
A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, June 13, 2024, in the conference room at the Wannacomet Water Company facilities at 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Allen Reinhard, Robert Benchley, Curtis Barnes, Nelson Eldridge and John Pearl were present. *Commissioners Absent:* None. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director, and Linda Roberts Project Coordinator, and Shelby Campbell Business Manager. *Public:* Veronica Bolcik and Kerry McKenna of 22 Arkansas Ave; Tessa Gerling, Wilfredo Chiesa and Julian Chiesa of 18 Dukes Road; along with Wendy Greenberg Mikhailovich of 16 Dukes Road.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Commissioner Reinhard recognized a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Motion made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimously accepted the agenda as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** Veronica Bolcik and Kerry McKenna from 22 Arkansas Avenue came to update the commission that they have been communicating with the 55 residents of Arkansas Avenue many of which will be here in the summer to secure easements for water. Director Willett offered support from staff for their completing the easement forms. Tessa Gerling from 18 Dukes Road spoke about their water quality of water on Dukes Road. The testing included some concerns with irregular Ph, iron, bacteria, and chlorinated sodium. Three homeowners are interested in tying into town water and there are approximately forty homes on the road. Town sewer was installed approximately six years ago. Director Willett brought up the GIS map on the modo board and estimated about 2,000 feet of water pipe would have to be laid along with stub services and estimated the connection fees to be \$5,000 to \$8,000. The homeowners who tie in would be able to keep their wells for irrigation. The residents have been utilizing the health department test kits for sampling with results given in six to seven weeks. While we have a capital plan it is apparent that our budget will be driven by the needs of various neighborhoods after sampling their wells. The members of the public thanked the commissioner and Director and left the meeting at 8:33 AM.
4. **Review of Minutes from May 9, 2024.** After review, motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge, and unanimously approved to accept the meeting minutes from May 9, 2024, as presented.
5. **Production, Billing and Rainfall Reports:** Director Willett provided the production, billing, and rainfall reports. While April and May were slightly down for both Wannacomet and Sconset for production over last year, they remain higher than prior years. Rainfall has been good. Adding up the five months rain from this year, we are three inches ahead of the previous year. Billing is going well, and our staff continue to work with those who need time to pay. The DEP continues to sample private wells in the mid island and Madaket.
6. **Director's Review and Updates:**
 - a. **West of Airport Water Main Project:** C C Construction has completed what they can to restore the areas that were disturbed including reseeded. Some properties will need Belgium block reset after the final paving as the base coat is what is down now. Chlorination and testing have been completed and contractors and customers are coming in with their applications to connect. A few have been in to start the process for Nobadeer Way, Monohansett Road and Orkawaw. Director Willett continues to communicate with the residents of Tom's Way who are now connected and have submitted applications for

irrigation deduct meters. The sewer department is looking into areas where PFAS might be from septic systems. The sewer department is assisting with the storm water drainage issues on Lovers Lane. Town Administration has a contract with EPG (Environmental Partners Group LLC). This firm has been working well with the construction oversight and Derrick from EPG has provided excellent field notes.

- b. **Distribution System:** Director Willett provided an overview of the distribution system. Well 16 has had VFD motor control issues which we will need to have repaired. We are not using well 15 with its proximity to homes on Tom's Way. We continue to have a hose at the end of Baxter Road to keep the water moving.
 - c. **Future Capital Projects:** Discussion regarding Capital Projects took place. Fire hydrants parts have been ordered for the necessary repairs. Traditionally Town hydrants have been yellow and Sconset are red. Fluorescent reflective banners with colors will be placed to show the hydrant flow rate in gallons per minute. The company that does tank replacement, cleaning, maintenance, and painting have done their on-site visit and are preparing proposals for maintenance. It will be about Ten to Twelve Million Dollars to replace a tank and Four Million Dollars to repair. David Merithew has been providing tank inspection services for years. The Director used GIS maps on the Mondo board showing the estimated 9,290 feet of pipe to provide 122 properties with water service to Arkansas Avenue 1900 feet to 50; Long Pond Drive 2600 feet to 40; Pine Grove Road 550 feet to 9, Chatham Road 1390 feet to 14, Millers Lane 2300 feet to 5 and Ramos Court 550 feet to 4 properties. Estimates are around Four Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars. With the new town regulation from the board of health requiring homes to be sold to be tested for PFAS we anticipate more people contacting us. The ten-year capital plan will be backed up to enable us to manage these new services over the next five to six years. Recent testing includes Hawthorne Lane, Vestal Street and the landfill area. The Director is working with the Town's Energy Coordinator Lauren Sinatra on a bid for putting panels on the water company buildings. Lauren received a total of \$50,000 from solar grants to assist with the project. Motion was made by Curtis Barnes, seconded by Commission Pearl to accept the \$50,000 for the solar project. The Director and Business manager and Director are working with the Finance Director on the emergency generator for Lovers Lane and replacement antenna for Siasconset.
 - d. **Personnel update:** After discussion, the Commissioners asked Director Willett to do a personnel review for comparisons to review at the next meeting.
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.** It was noted that the Sconset property was cut by Wannacomet Staff two weeks ago.
9. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge, and unanimously voted to adjourn the regular business meeting at 9:46 AM.

Approved:  Date: August 8, 2024
The meeting packet included 6/13/24 Agenda, reports, and information on the Mondo Board.