

Nantucket Water Commission

Minutes of Thursday, August 8, 2024

A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Thursday, August 8, 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. *Public:* William Cassidy.

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 Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge, and unanimously accepted the agenda as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** Mr. William Cassidy was present to discuss the twenty-two apartments at Wiggles Way at 31 Fairgrounds Road. Mr. Cassidy is the builder working with the Housing Nantucket and Nantucket's Affordable Housing Trust. 25 percent will be for residents who earn 80 percent and there will be a municipal preference for the lottery. Each unit will be metered individually and there will be coin operated laundry machines in the basement. Mr. Cassidy would like to buy meters at cost and provided an adjustment for materials purchased instead of the standard \$5,000 connection. It was noted that the plumber has picked up 24 adapters thus far and that the 22 meters would be inside settings. Apartment buildings with inside settings have been charged out at \$1,600 per meter. After discussion, the Director will cost out the meters, spuds and materials to determine the fee. The Commissioners acknowledged that this specific project is for affordable house. Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes for approval to not exceed \$25,000 for the 22 meters. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eldridge and was unanimously voted. Mr. Cassidy stated this property was being looked at as a 40B development. He was approached to assist in making this an affordable housing project utilizing existing zoning. Working with the Coffin family who sold the property, they were paid with funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Once the project is completed it will be managed by Housing Nantucket and will remain as affordable rentals with Town of Nantucket municipal preference. October 1, 2024, is the planned date for tenants to move in. Mr. Cassidy thanked Director Willett and the Commissioners extending an invitation to stop by and see the project and left the meeting at 8:26 AM.
4. **Review of Minutes from June 13, 2024, and July 11, 2024.** After review, motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge, and unanimously voted to approve the meeting minutes from June 13 and July 11, 2024, as presented.
5. **Production, Billing and Rainfall Reports:** Director Willett provided the production, billing, and rainfall reports. Rain fall is up with more predicted. Wannacomet and Sconset had the largest production for July. We estimate 20% of town and 30% of Siasconset is used for irrigation. Billing is going well, and our staff continue to work with those who need time to pay.
6. **Director's Review and Updates:**
 - a. **System & Groundwater Update New Well Project:** The systems are handling this seasonal use well. The Director would like to test the hydraulic model build out analysis for adding an additional 200 to 300 homes. discussed the report being done by Weston Solutions for the Nantucket Airport regarding the PFAS and other chemicals investigation.
 - b. **Mass DEP Update:** The DEP will be returning soon to do some monitoring with test wells. Their efforts will be on identifying the sources on Tom's Way and in the vicinity of the old

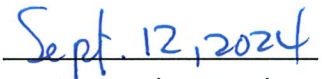
and new fire stations. Director Willett discussed the report recently done by Weston Solutions for the Nantucket Airport regarding the PFAS and other chemicals investigation. Director Willett discussed the Landfill groundwater and surface water sampling by CDM Smith. Discussion about geothermal systems took place. There are a couple of facilities that have deep water geothermal wells that are not closed and pump and dump down to 160 feet.

- c. **Small Systems Update:** The Director met with Isabel Collins from the DEP who was on island for a few hours. She wanted to inspect three of our small public systems. Any well that supplies water to 20 or more public is considered a small public system. She wanted to go to Surfside Beach, Sankaty Golf and the Wauwinet Inn. After picking her up from the boat we drove out to Surfside Beach, through traffic and finally found a place to park where the DPW had an area blocked off while they worked. It was a typical busy August day at Surfside with the summer crowds on the beach and using the restrooms and concession areas. After she was able to access the area and complete her inspection she wanted to head out to the other locations. Unfortunately, she was booked on the 2:15 PM boat and we were barely able to get through traffic to make that in time. She commented on the island population and felt there were significantly more people on the island. She plans to return in the fall.
7. **Discussion, amendment, and execution of any personnel or vendor contracts:** Nothing pending.
8. **Commissioner's Comments and Reserved for Unforeseen Items for Discussion not anticipated by the Chair.** Nothing to discuss.
9. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge, and unanimously voted the regular business meeting at 9:47 AM.

Approved: _____



Date: _____



The meeting packet included 8/8/24 Agenda, reports, and information on the Mondo Board.