

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Thursday, March 13, 2025

A meeting was held by the Nantucket Water Commission on Thursday, March 13, 2025, 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, Nelson Eldridge and John Pearl were present. *Commissioners Absent:* none. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director, and Linda Roberts Project Coordinator. *Public:* Emily Molden Executive Director for the Nantucket Land & Water Council and Meg Miller Ruley.

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:** Emily Molden attended the meeting in her position as the Director of the Nantucket Land and Water Council. Ms. Ruley attended the meeting to ask questions about well 17 and the treatment plans.
4. **Review of Minutes from February 13, 2025.** The minutes were not available for today.
5. **Director's Review and Updates:**
 - a. **Water Quality, Mass DEP:** The Director reviewed the production, billing and rain fall reports. Pumpage is at the usual rate and we are cycling through all wells. The billing through the cloud is seamless. Director Willett is working on the annual reports for Mass DEP. We had 1.75 inches of precipitation for February. Production is down from last year. Dr. Person and the well drillers will be on island next week. They will do some interviewing with the local newspaper and Nantucket Current about their investigations for fresh water beneath the ocean off of the south shore. Director Willett continues to work with the Town's Finance Director, ECT2 Company, TRC Company, Barrett Enterprises for the emergency procurement for the PFAS treatment. Director Willett gave a detailed overview of the treatment filtration, and what electrical and piping needs will be. The crew will assist in the building so they will understand how the system works. The system will be built on a concrete pad and the two extra tanks for additional treatment needs. Director Willett provided backgrounds for the companies he is working with and the similar work that has been done on the Cape. Director Willett used the Mondo board to show the components of the exchange system for well 15, the layout, pad and mechanics. Once built we need to contain it inside of a building and have a forklift to feed the Jacky bin. Commissioners prefer to use retained earnings and not borrow for this project. They commended Director on his efforts and leadership.
 - b. **Sewer Force Main Update:** The Director updated the Commission on the sewer force main projects which are being done by Robert B Our and N&M Construction. Work continues Liberty and Gardner Streets. Drainage work for the catch basin collection and infiltrators continues with the States reconstruction of the Polpis and Milestone turning lanes and bike paths.
 - c. **Engineering Consultant:** Director Willett is working with engineers from TRC Company who consult and provide PFAS treatment support.

- d. Well 17 update: The new well has been under review by DEP for over a year. Director Willett has been working with engineers from Emery and Garrett reviewing zone II and the ground water modeling. They have been reaching out to the DEP to come and approve sooner rather than the extended number of years it typically takes. After approval we will need to build the pump station.
6. **Discussion, amendment, and execution of any personnel or vendor contracts: Contracts ECT2** and an amendment for Ti Sales were reviewed and Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve and the Commissioners all signed.
7. **Commissioner's Comments and Reserved for Unforeseen Items for Discussion not anticipated by the Chair.** Commissioner Eldridge noted this is the 100 anniversary of Sconset Water.
8. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Barnes made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eldridge and unanimously voted to end the regular business meeting at 9:24 AM.

Approved: Allen B Reinhard Date: Apr. 10, 2025

The meeting packet included 3/13/25 Agenda, reports and information from the mondo including images of treatment system, the 1000L Jacky Bin, Forklift and pad layouts.