

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Thursday, April 10, 2025

A meeting was held by the Nantucket Water Commission on Thursday, April 10, 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, Linda Roberts-Project Coordinator and Shelby R. Campbell-Business Manager. *Public:* None.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Commissioner Reinhard recognized a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Motion made by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimously accepted the agenda as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Review of Minutes from February 13, 2025 and March 13, 2025.** After review of the minutes from February 13 and March 13, 2025, the motion was made by Commissioner Pearl, seconded by Commissioner Barnes and unanimously voted to approve as presented.
5. **Production, Billing and Rainfall Reports:** Production for March was 4,000 gallons less than last year for Wannacomet and 100,000 gallons less than last year for Siasconset. Billing is going well using the cloud-based system with the same people behind. Director Willett is meeting with our supplier later today. They are showing a new all-in-one meter that has pressure sensor and leak detection capabilities to replace the iPearls that use a separate MXU that won't need to drill a hole in the cover. As the batteries die out in the iPearls we will replace them with new meters.
6. **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 cycling through all wells for off season, however it is down from this time last year for Wannacomet and Siasconset. The cloud billing runs seamlessly. There was 2.79 inches of precipitation for March.

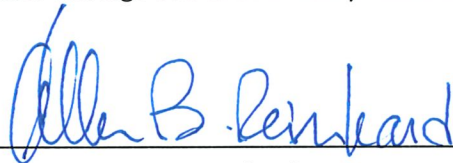
Dr. Person and the well drillers were interviewed by the local newspaper and the Nantucket Current about their investigations of fresh water beneath the ocean along the south shore, approximately 19.7 miles off of Nantucket. The contracts for the emergency procurement to build the PFAS treatment are in the works and the Alta Equipment contract is finalized and ready for review. Director Willett provided an update on the treatment filtration system being built. Discussion about the footings, rebar and the concrete pad and frost heaves and insulated forms took place. This work is being done by the Wannacomet Water staff and Barrett Enterprises. It is hoped that the tanks will be delivered around the time that the pad is completed. The Commission expressed appreciation to Mr. Willett.
 - 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 the CMON work by N&M Construction. There was a leak found in the gravel area near Pine Street. They are working on isolating and repairing before the asphalt base coat is laid. Discussion about storm water and ground water around Liberty and Lily Streets took place.
 - c. **Well 17 updates:** Director Willett reported that the DEP has moved it to MEPA (Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency) and since the endangered species review has been done it should be a smooth process. Director Willett has been working with engineers from Emery and Garrett.

- d. **Daffodil weekend request:** The police department contacted Director Willett and he has given permission for the NRTA buses to turn around for 4-5 hours during the Daffodil festival at the entrance of the Sconset pump station. It will be blocked from anyone parking on site.
- e. **Fees missed appointments for cross connection and unauthorized hydrant fee use:** Discussion about hydrant maintenance took place. After discussion the motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Benchley and unanimously voted to charge \$1,500 for unauthorized use of a hydrant, the full cost of replacement for a hydrant if hit and \$50 for missed appointments when scheduled.

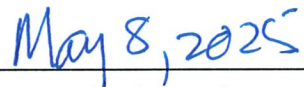
Parking Fees for Robert Earle who commutes to Nantucket daily was discussed. He paid \$1,900 April 2024 for the 2024 to 2025 year. Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Benchley and unanimously approved to reimburse

7. **Discussion, amendment, and execution of any personnel or vendor contracts:** Two contracts were reviewed by the Commission one for Alta Equipment for the forklift needed to feed the treatment facility bin and the other for NorthEast Electrical for the VFD Variable flow controller replacement. Motion was made by commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Pearl and unanimously voted to approve and sign the two contracts. The Weston and Sampson Engineering contract was not ready.
8. **Commissioner's Comments and Reserved for Unforeseen Items for Discussion not anticipated by the Chair.** Nothing further.
9. **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 9:28 AM.

Approved: _____



Date: _____



The meeting packet included 4/10/25 Agenda, the minutes from the 2/13/25 and 3/13/25 meetings, reports and information from the mondo including images of treatment system being built and pad layouts.