

Dighton Water District

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COMMISSIONERS

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A meeting of the Dighton Water District Commissioners was held at the District office at 6:00 P.M. Chairman of the Board, Sue Medeiros said, "I make a motion to open the meeting at 6:05 P.M. Clerk of the Board, Paul Joly said, "Second." Sue Medeiros said, "All in favor, ayes have it." First thing on the agenda Correspondence; Carol what do you have for correspondence if anything? Treasurer/Clerk, Carol Stevens said, "The only thing I have is John Machado was trying to get a hold of the Commissioners he came in today and he called me yesterday I believe Paul Joly did speak to him." Paul Joly said, "Yeah and Chuck will call him." Commissioner, Paul Pacheco asked, "What was that about?" Paul Joly said, "Hydrants, variation, difference in prices."

Sue Medeiros said, "Bid Opening. Before we open them my recommendation would be we open them Carol makes copies for all three Commissioners. Was there four of them?" Carol Stevens said, "One came in today." Sue Medeiros said, "We can't accept that. Once they're open Carol makes copies for all of us we take them with us we review them we set up a meeting to come back what's good for the three Commissioners then address it at that point. Commissioners can have their input why they would prefer somebody over somebody else then at that point take a vote." Paul Pacheco asked, "Don't think we'll get to it tonight?" Sue Medeiros said, "Not on the agenda to award tonight. The ad David wrote up was just to open bids tonight

and then we'll post it so give the people the courtesy to let them know we'll be awarding the bid on that night." Paul Joly said, "Second." Sue Medeiros said, "All in favor, ayes have it. At this time Carol could you please open the bids?" Carol Stevens said, "I will start with the bottom because I don't believe it's a bid and I didn't count it as a bid it's addressed to just you Sue it's probably just a wireless antenna account or something like that." Sue Medeiros said, "Unison- Wireless." Carol Stevens said, "I wasn't sure so we didn't want to open it." Sue Medeiros said, "File it under correspondence." Carol Stevens said, "We have five but one wasn't received until today so it won't be opened." Sue Medeiros said, "Monday noon time was the deadline. Carol and I have had a conversation I know she writes them in but if she has a stamp going forward also use that stamp." Carol Stevens said, "First bid Mark Abrahams \$72.00 an hour, in addition out of pocket expenses for such items as travel, report preparation, telephone and mail are reimbursed. Policy to submit progress bills every two weeks which are payable upon receipt." Sue Medeiros asked, "Carol where is he located?" Carol Stevens said, "Framingham." Paul Joly asked, "What's the name again?" Carol Stevens said, "Abrahams Group, Mark Abraham." Sue Medeiros said, "Marc Abrahams, I don't know if you guys ever heard of him he actual does all the teaching of the Accountants when the Accountants go to school at U-Mass Amherst actually the instructor." Carol Stevens said, "Second bid is Sullivan Rogers and Co. \$135.00 per hour fee includes all out of pocket expenses, invoices for these fees will be on the first and fifteenth of each month. Third bidder, David Woods, \$60.00 per hour regardless of the task being worked on, again a flat \$60.00 per hour per individual performing the tasks involved, billing policy flexible past requirements were not as broad and did not encompass the entire fiscal period, bill when free cash is certified, bid on a more current basis if you wish, monthly would seem more appropriate. Fourth bidder, Jennifer Luiz, from Town Hall." Edward Swartz said, "Town Accountant." Carol Stevens said, "Hourly rate \$55.00 it doesn't go into any detailed explanation like the others did that's all it says." Sue Medeiros asked, "All these people got copies of the specs right?" Carol Stevens said, "Yes." Sue Medeiros said, "So they knew what they were bidding on." Paul Pacheco said, "I didn't know she was a Certified Government Accountant." Sue Medeiros said, "She passed

the test for Accountant for Municipal Finance she goes to school at U-Mass Amherst the gentleman I talked about Mark Abrahams actually was her instructor. Jenn just has as far as I know she just passed that test she's certified." Carol Stevens asked, "She's not a CPA?" Sue Medeiros said, "No. Okay so Carol you'll make copies of those we'll take those with us. Do we want at this time to pick a date that we want to come back we have to be here on the 18th anyway, David Gay has to be out of here at 7. Carol has that been posted yet just amend it amend it to include approximately 7 to award bids we'll be in executive session, come out of executive session, go into regular meeting I want to do it in the open we're all going to have time to review it we do it in open meeting." Paul Pacheco said, "Yep sounds good." Paul Joly said, "Second." Sue Medeiros said, "All in favor, ayes have it. As a courtesy let people know they don't have to be here just let them know that we'll be awarding the bid for the Accounting position."

Sue Medeiros said, "Stephen DeFrancesco and Marc Owen are not here tonight right, they have been really good about updating us on the wells." Carol Stevens mentioned it was put on the agenda to cover in case they did show up.

Sue Medeiros said, "Peter Maher, etc...quotes." Superintendent, Charles Cestodio said, "Has to do with the wells." Sue Medeiros said, "We don't have to address that tonight." Charles Cestodio said, "No." Sue Medeiros said, "Ok."

Sue Medeiros said, "New Business; Water District Disbanding Pacheco/Haddad." Paul Pacheco asked, "What's that mean?" Paul Joly said, "Maybe Ed can tell us." Edward Swartz said, "I don't know what anybody's talking about." Paul Pacheco asked, "Who put it on the agenda?" Carol Stevens said, "I put it on the agenda because I was asked to put it on the agenda." Paul Pacheco asked, "Who asked you to put it on the agenda?" Carol Stevens said, "It was brought up because there's an invoice from David Gay." Sue Medeiros said, "Oh that's right I forgot about that Carol \$96.00 for talking to Senator Mark Pacheco. I wasn't sure how to address this maybe something we need to talk to David when he comes in. Back on November 15th David Gay had a telephone conference call with

Senator Mark Pacheco professional service rendered Carol called him to find out what that included he said he got a phone call from Mark Pacheco that a resident had Maybe you better tell it Carol you talked to him.” Carol Stevens said, “He said, Residents had gotten together talked to Mark Pacheco and Pat Haddad about disbanding the Water District and having it all into a Town run.” Edward Swartz said, “They didn’t include me what’s their names.” Paul Pacheco said, “I think we should send a letter to David Gay saying that if we don’t request his service send the bill to whoever called him.” Sue Medeiros said, “I kind of agree with Paul cause when I got this I said to Carol anybody could call anybody under the clear blue sky could call David and say I want to talk about the Water District now we have to pay for it.” Carol Stevens said, “Exactly what happened, he said the good Senator called him up and he talked for quite a while now we’re paying for it.” Paul Pacheco said, “I think we should send it back to him saying no.” Sue Medeiros said, “I think he should bill Mark Pacheco my personal opinion.” Paul Pacheco said, “We’re never going to get paid from Mark send David a letter saying unless the Commissioners request.....we’re only going to pay for what we asked somebody else requests we’re not paying it.” Sue Medeiros said, “That’s why Carol and I decided to put this on.” Paul Joly said, “Make a motion I’ll second it.” Paul Pacheco said, “I make a motion that we send him a letter saying that we’ll only pay bills that the Commissioners decide to call him about.” Edward Swartz said, “Since my name was brought up I have not spoken with Mark Pacheco or Pat Haddad FYI, FYI. People easy to blame it on me it wasn’t me I have my own ideas I can do it myself.” Sue Medeiros said, “All in favor, ayes have it.” Paul Pacheco said, “Really doesn’t matter who called Mark the fact is Mark called David.” Karen O’Connor requested a copy of the bill. Sue Medeiros said, “Any other comment on this disbanding thing before we move on the reason it was on was because of that bill.” Carol Stevens asked, “We’re not paying this so I know when we make out the check to disregard this?” Paul Pacheco said, “No. Right.”

Sue Medeiros said, “Finance Committee is here to discuss free cash.” Karen O’Connor asked, “Is it possible to table that for another half an hour?” Sue Medeiros asked, “Want to step out of order?” I’ll step down and make a motion to step out of order we’ll

give him fifteen minutes as a courtesy.” Paul Joly said, “Second.” Sue Medeiros said, “All in favor, ayes have it, we’ll go back to that.”

Sue Medeiros asked, “Test Wells monitoring from the Board of Selectmen update is that you Chuck?” Carol Stevens said, “Chuck was absent at the last meeting the Board requested an update.” Charles Cestodio said, “He called here a couple of times.” Sue Medeiros said, “He did mention something to me that they are required to do some testing at the dump automatically done every year at the dump and don’t quote me he wasn’t sure about down near Lin’s Propane hold back until you can get in touch with Tom. Charles Cestodio said, “Yeah just to let you know there is monitoring wells at the dump, monitoring wells at any gas stations all around the gas tanks and junk yard up on Cedar St. pretty sure Louis is grandfathered under some clause not sure if they are still required to take samples up there or not.” Sue Medeiros asked, “Did Tom Pires get back to us on the letter we sent to him we sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen correct?” Carol Stevens said, “We sent a letter he called me twice all he told me was all he had was something on the dump itself.” Sue Medeiros said, “That’s what he told me. So where do we go from here?” Charles Cestodio said, “Let me talk to him I’ll find out.” Paul Pacheco asked, “Chuck did you hear anything about hazardous materials on Gusty’s land?” Charles Cestodio said, “I have a report I actually printed it out.” Paul Pacheco asked, “Same stuff behind Ray’s Donut Shop?” Charles Cestodio said, “They found marked barrels from ICI there’s a report they removed three hundred to three hundred fifty barrels or something from the property already originally suppose to be seven hundred barrels out there.” Sue Medeiros asked, “You’re going to call Tom Pires? Carol we’ll have to put that on our next agenda.”

Sue Medeiros said, “CCR report input.” Charles Cestodio asked, “Did you want to put anything in it just jot some notes down or whatever when I get a chance I’ll throw it in there.” Sue Medeiros asked, “When is the cut off, when will you need something, what’s the latest?” Charles Cestodio said, “Has to be out to the customers by July 1st.”

Sue Medeiros said, "Jump over to old business, Paul Williams land for sale and 527 Somerset Ave." Carol Stevens said, "Paul was just in the other day he was just wondering if we had an update." Sue Medeiros said, "I think what we need to do now that free cash got certified we need to call together a Special District Meeting there is some needs in the District certain things so I guess we'll have to start working on that." Paul Pacheco said, "Tough one to sell with the way the tax rates went up to tell them we have to spend \$500,000 to buy land." Sue Medeiros said, "My thing is this is still a decision that the people will have to make something that would have to go on the Annual District Meeting let's present it to them." Paul Joly said, "If we could sell the old place." Sue Medeiros said, "If we could sell the old place the money from that and buy the new place it's a wash." Paul Joly said, "We've got grants too we're working on." Sue Medeiros asked, "What do we know on those grants because our Annual District Meeting is in May." Paul Joly asked, "What's the status on the grants Chuck?" Charles Cestodio said, "They're just actually issuing out the checks from last year." Paul Joly said, "Grants for watershed protection which that would fall into." Sue Medeiros said, "I don't think it hurts to get it on there we could always table it we're months from getting our warrant together anyway." Paul Pacheco said, "I know it's going to be a tough sell to spend any money." Sue Medeiros said, "I think what we have to do now for the Special is address the thing that the District really needs." Charles Roderigues asked, "Do you have a price on what you're asking for the piece on the river?" Paul Joly said, "Appraised for \$250,000." Charles Roderigues asked, "New appraisal or old?" Carol Stevens said, "New just recently." Edward Swartz asked, "Old building was that done by a Commercial Appraiser or a Residential Appraiser?" Sue Medeiros said, "I think he does both." Peter Roache asked, "Was it a Real Estate Agent or an Appraiser?" Paul Joly said, "Treacy." Sue Medeiros said, "John Treacy." Peter Roache said, "He's a Real Estate Agent." Edward Swartz said, "He's a Real Estate Agent he's not a certified Commercial Appraiser he cannot that's not a certified commercial appraisal and I know John that was the discussion we had that 's why we called the guy at the Assessor's Office and he's the one that said it's about \$1,100 to do. That will not be an acceptable appraisal to the state I'm just telling you up front it won't be an acceptable appraisal to the State." Peter Roache said,

“Market Value of Opinion.” Paul Pacheco said, “The only thing we just found out its not Commercial property.” Edward Swartz said, “It’s been used as Commercial property John is not and he’s my friend he’s not a Certified Appraiser.” Paul Pacheco said, “We might end up selling it as Residential property.” Edward Swartz said, “States going to require a Commercial Appraiser to do that appraisal.” Paul Joly said, “Alright we can put a bid on a Commercial Appraisal.” Edward Swartz said, “Carol has the guys name he had called here a while back he sent a letter in a while back.” Paul Pacheco asked, “So what the one we’ve got now is no good?” Sue Medeiros read a letter from Attorney David Gay stating “You should have a Real Estate Appraisal on the property.” Edward Swartz said, “There are guys that are Certified Residential Real Estate Appraisers and Commercial Real Estate Appraisers.” Paul Joly said, “We should verify with Treacy what he is and if he doesn’t fall within that category.” Sue Medeiros said, “Let’s five David Gay a call too I don’t want to go through all this and all of a sudden they say the appraisals no good you know it defeats the purpose and if we do need to get a Commercial Appraisal let’s get some bids Carol because we still have some time. Getting back to Charlie’s question I think the Assessor’s office is about the same thing right \$250,000 something like that. What was the cost again for the other one here?” Paul Joly said, “The other one would be based on what we put down if we put a half way decent deposit down then the price would drop.” Edward Swartz said, “If if may because Chuck you should know this, we went through the property here as a District and Municipality you have to go out to bid saying you want a specific property you can put the guidelines that says it has to be within a parameter but you have to open this up to other people that may have land available within the District or within the area that may want to sell you land you can’t just go and buy property from someone as a District or Municipality you can’t do that you have to go through the process of soliciting people.” Charles Cestodio said, “Ed just so you know this is not just an ordinary piece of property.” Edward Swartz said, “Understood.” Charles Cestodio said, “This property is adjacent to the property we own currently.” Edward Swartz said, “Understood you have to have specific guidelines for what the property is prior to going out and asking you can’t just go to one person unless it’s a watershed issue.” Paul Joly said, “Lay the proper guidelines down it will eliminate people from

the outside.” Edward Swartz said, “It probably will but I’m just saying.” Paul Joly said, “We’ll do whatever we have to do on it.” Sue Medeiros said, “You know what Carol let’s get a ruling from David let’s get all the particulars because I don’t want to move forward on this and then slam into a wall.” Carol Stevens said, “When we bought this...” Edward Swartz said, “Right same thing all I’m saying Carol is go to the same process.” Carol Stevens said, “When we bought this we did the same thing.” Paul Joly said, “Check with Treacy see if he is certified.” Sue Medeiros said, “The more information the better get the answers we still have some time would be great if we could go \$250,000- \$250,000 or even if it’s a little bit more still in the working stage call Mr. Williams as a courtesy let him know we have some more homework to do on this.” Charles Roderigues asked, “The land you’re looking into over here same price?” Paul Joly said, “No that property went at one time for \$500,000 it’s come down. Really ideal for the Water District.” Charles Roderigues asked, “Right what’s the price right now what are they telling you?” Paul Joly said, “Well it will depend on what we decide to put down on it as a deposit figure we put a minimum down not really going to make a big dent I think the last figure we got Carol what was it \$450,000?” Carol Stevens said, “We were at \$450,000 depending on what we came up with the price was going to go lower the more cash we had to put down the lower the price was going to be.” Edward Swartz asked, “Are you bonding this or ...?” Paul Joly said, “Haven’t decided what we’re doing on it yet.” Edward Swartz said, “Because you have to have the property appraised also by a Certified Commercial Appraiser so no one knows exactly what the figure is.” Sue Medeiros said, “A little over the \$400,000 mark we don’t really know stuff we’ve been throwing around it would really be an asset to the District I think because it’s right next door, nice big building for the equipment and all that.” Paul Joly said, “Grants are specifically for watershed protections so there’s really not a big demand probably have a good shot at getting it.” Sue Medeiros asked, “Chuck you’ve started that paper work correct?” Paul Pacheco said, “They might break it down to minus the evaluation of the building if it’s just land to get for wellhead protection they’re not going to wait.” Charles Cestodio said, “Land and whatever is situated on property based on fifty percent of the value of the property grant up to \$500,000 per parcel.” Sue Medeiros said, “A lot of grant

money out there to our benefit take advantage of these grants we should.” Charles Cestodio said, “It’s not only this piece you’ve got that piece that’s sitting in back of Cedar #1.” Edward Swartz asked, “So Chuck this piece runs into the watershed?” Charles Cestodio said, “It abuts this property.” Paul Joly said, “Plus the Walker St. wells.” Edward Swartz asked, “It runs into Walker St. wells Chuck?” Charles Cestodio said, “It makes it contingent.” Edward Swartz said, “Makes a continuous piece of property.” Peter Roache said, “Paul you mentioned the property you were going to sell is assessed at \$250,000. Do you know what the assessed value of this property is?” Carol Stevens said, “We do have one but its old I think they should get a new one.”

Sue Medeiros said, “Address one more thing drop box.” Carol Stevens said, “It’s up.” Sue Medeiros said, “It’s up I didn’t even notice. Anybody drop any stuff in it?” Carol Stevens said, “Bills go out next week.”

Sue Medeiros said, “National grid then we are going to move over back to free cash. National grid update Chuck what is that?” Charles Cestodio said, “They are looking into putting out electricity out to bid.” Sue Medeiros said, “Fine you should be the contact right now you’ve been the contact you’re the one that met with National grid it should be you. Met with the school too I saw it on their minutes.” Charles Cestodio said, “Still waiting for them to come down and change all the light bulbs.”

Sue Medeiros said, “Almost ten of I’m going to make a motion we jump back into new business Finance Committee is here and go over free cash any questions, concerns anybody has first of all I’m going to make a motion we go back into order.” Paul Joly said, “Second.” Sue Medeiros said, “All in favor, ayes have it. Before we get started I just want to make a couple notes here first of all a lot of concern about the tax rate over the years the Water District has done a great job about giving money to reduce the tax rate unfortunately because free cash was approved after the fact we didn’t have our Special District Meeting and monies were not appropriated to reduce the tax rate from free cash just as an FYI since 2006 the Water District has given \$1,850,000 to reduce the tax rate compared to the Town who

gave \$297,379.75 to reduce the tax rate and this is information I got from the Assessor's today just an FYI I want to apologize unfortunately I don't say it's my fault I do feel bad I do feel bad not only as a Commissioner but as a taxpayer we were not able to do anything this year to reduce the tax rate on that note I want to also let you know that next year as long as I'm sitting here, there will be an article on the District Meeting for monies to reduce the tax rate and one of the things that's going to help us too we should be raising and appropriating less money this year we took money from free cash and paid off that loan less money we'll have to raise and appropriate." Edward Swartz said, "That was paid off last year if I'm correct not FY 11. Shouldn't have been in this year's tax rate anyway." Paul Pacheco said, "IF we hadn't paid it off we would've had to raise the money." Sue Medeiros said, "Not going to have to raise and appropriate any money towards that loan." Edward Swartz said, "Right we didn't have to raise and appropriate any money to pay that loan this year." Sue Medeiros asked, "Wasn't it Annual District Meeting?" Edward Swartz said, "No in 11 no wasn't in 11 now was in 10." Sue Medeiros said, "Diligently we have a great Finance Committee I can tell we're going to work together, we're going to save money where we can save, we're going to have to tighten the belt if we don't have to spend money somewhere we're not going to spend it if it's something that can hold off it's going to hold off we have to do whatever we can." Paul Pacheco said, "Most importantly we need to reduce the taxes, we tell the people we waved \$300,000 off our operating budget but we went up \$300 a year on taxes or we spent an extra million but we dropped \$200 they're going to want to see us drop it." Sue Medeiros said, "Over the last six years the District has given over a million dollars to reduce the tax rate unfortunately this year free cash got certified late." Edward Swartz asked, "Can I ask why?" Sue Medeiros said, "I know to an extent there were a lot of questions that went back and forth with Diane Dziura, they would submit stuff Diane would come back and say this I only got to see a couple of those e-mails. But maybe Carol she had more ... I want people to know when we did the balance this year for free cash and all that, that my thing to Carol was if you have questions, you have concerns, use your D.O.R. I want you to e-mail Diane it could be the most simplest question if David Woods has a question I want the question to go to Diane Dziura and I know for a

fact that happened did that slow it up I hope not. One of the things that happened she got really, really, busy also with setting the tax rate and free cash I don't know I can't answer for her." Edward Swartz said, "I just wanted to ask because in the past we've always had in the three years I was here free cash was certified late September, early October, mid October at the latest always had a Special at some point between then and the tax rate." Sue Medeiros said, "That Special is when you have that article to take money from free cash to reduce the tax rate but before your question can we have Carol answer why I don't know." Carol Stevens said, "What would happen was we would send in the paperwork then she would send back for a new sheet something we've never ever sent in before then send back the paperwork then she wanted another sheet of something we've never done before so I don't know if there was something happening cause no matter what we sent in ..." Edward Swartz said, "Somebody's lying either you or her I spoke with her yesterday." Carol Stevens said, "I've got all her e-mails Ed I keep everything you know that." Edward Swartz said, "She waited two weeks for the last paper she needed and she got into her tax season because she had to wait over two weeks for the last paper she needed." Carol Stevens said, "For a paper that we've never ever done, after everything was sent in she said she wanted this paperwork and Peter was here last year and it never got sent in." Edward Swartz asked, "Why did it take that long Water District unlike Towns." Carol Stevens said, "Because it was a paper that was never done before." Edward Swartz said, "Unlike Towns it shouldn't have been December, January before you got your free cash unlike Towns Water Districts should be able to close their books within the first two months after the end of the FY year." Sue Medeiros said, "Can I make a comment North Dighton Fire District, got their free cash certified the week of Christmas, the week of Christmas North Dighton Fire District much smaller District and they just made it they just made it by the day of the tax rate by two days." Edward Swartz said, "A lot smaller." Carol Stevens said, "The paper they were holding off on came from the Town all the numbers were from the Town it wasn't something we had here." Sue Medeiros said, "Tina came over and I know she met with Mary, Diane had asked them some stuff Tina came over and met with Mary for a whole day and do some numbers all I know is I saw one e-mail from Diane and it said going forward her boss they are going to be more thorough with

the Districts I know the North Dighton Fire Department ran into a lot of issues too they were lucky enough to get theirs certified a couple of days before the tax rate.” Paul Pacheco said, “Ours didn’t take time because of running ads for different accountants then having interviews.” Sue Medeiros said, “That didn’t help it.” Carol Stevens said, “That didn’t help anything that put everything off.” Edward Swartz asked, “Here is my other question is if now because I see from the formula things have changed there are now accounts that are considered restricted accounts and if that is the case they fall outside of what was submitted to be part of free cash if they are restricted accounts this is why I asked why a Special wasn’t held that there is funds available for the Commissioners to have reduced this prior to waiting for free cash to be certified if now I’m being told there’s only \$617,000 but there is 1.3 million that is sitting in restricted accounts that can be used based on information Carol sent to reduce water fees that are paid that’s what it says under Chapter 359 as well as information that was sent back in 2004 that you forwarded to me. The second piece of that is from what Carol sent to me there was a \$177,000 in Bond money that was released in July would be part of the non recurring revenue stream that the Water District gets. The Water District could’ve used that to reduce the tax rate.” Sue Medeiros said, “Can I just butt in for one second that came up and Carol sent an e-mail to Diane regarding that money because we had met as Commissioners in a meeting and had decided we met with the Highway Superintendent it was going to cost over a million dollars to start doing work on Main St. we were going to use that money. I think Diane came back and said that what did she say exactly because I had asked you to send an e-mail to Diane Dziura.” Edward Swartz said, “Right she sent the same information you sent to me current this is what was sent to Diane and she and I discussed that yesterday she said to me she said based on legally she can’t make that determination that that can be done and she did not go to legal with it so there is no legal determination saying that can be she is only going based on the information that is submitted to her by the District but if you read those and read Chapter 359 and request from D.O.R. Legal’s Department maybe it is different but right now that is funding that is included revenue estimates every year but you are saying it is restricted so you are using the money as part of your tax rate but then telling the rate payers that is a separate fund that can’t be used to

reduce fees that's not correct, that's not correct I'm basing all this on information that Carol provided to me but I sit here tonight really to say I'm very frustrated that the tax rate went from \$1.26 to \$1.74 and my water tax went up higher than my real estate tax it's very frustrating and very different and you know people can bash me and say well you screwed this place up for the last three years but you know what the three years I was here the tax rate went down all three years we made sure up front and it's on all three of you guys to make sure up front this doesn't happen because I am going to be an advocate and go out let the ratepayers know and yeah I'm a guy that said I think we should disband the North Dighton Fire Department and the Dighton Water District and make them an enterprise similar to the Sewer but no I didn't go to Mark Pacheco but I do need to find out what the exact steps that need to be taken if I'm going to ask for that steps to be taken I believe it has to be a vote of the Commissioners to disband but I believe the first step is the District payers need to go to an Annual Meeting and on their Annual Warrant they request the Commissioners to start the process." Sue Medeiros said, "I don't have a problem with what the people want this is not our District this District belongs to the residents of the Town. Ed you and I were having this conversation I'm just as upset to see my tax rate go up but as I mentioned we do have money that came in from free cash unfortunately might not be something we'll see until next tax rate goes down but we are looking into a couple of other things that we've put out to Diane Dziura to see if there's something that can be done for the residents. I just thought about something today I'm just trying to brainstorm if there is anything out there in her capacity as D.O.R. she works for the Municipality to see what is out there that we can do at this point." Edward Swartz said, "Tax rate is set bills have gone out." Sue Medeiros said, "There might be something out there. If not her we can go to Gerard Perry which is her boss and at least make an effort to see what we can do." Paul Pacheco said, "What we can do is at the next special meeting tell the taxpayers they want to take a million dollars out and put it towards next year's taxes." Sue Medeiros said, "We can do that that's definitely on the plate." Paul Pacheco said, "That way there are no rebates just a million dollars going towards...." Sue Medeiros said, "That wouldn't happen until the next tax bill." Paul Pacheco said, "There is nothing we're going to do until the next tax bills anyway." Sue Medeiros

said, "But there could be stuff out there what does it hurt to go to the D.O.R. and ask them." Edward Swartz said, "Nothing can be done until next year's bill." Sue Medeiros said, "As I mentioned when we first started this meeting the first thing I said as long as I'm sitting in this seat I will put an article on the warrant to reduce that tax rate absolutely, absolutely, I'm going to say the Commissioners before us did a great job look at the numbers just one of those things I asked the question at Town if we could do something about holding off putting it on the tax bill it didn't go over to well." Paul Joly said, "Let's wait to see what she comes back with." Paul Pacheco said, "I think what Carol said when we went and switched accountants and gone through all the process of interviews and all that maybe we saved the District a \$1,000 bucks but we charged them a lot more money for taxes because we didn't get the money in there they would've rather not paid that \$1,000 and seen their tax go down that's the only thing they really care about their tax rate going down." Sue Medeiros said, "This is unfortunate but you know what I think this is unfortunate I am the first one to admit it I don't like it anymore than anybody else it's unfortunate we will do what it takes to move forward with this take care of it. Taxes will always go up tax rates go up we've been lucky our Real Estate tax went up over fifty cents." Paul Pacheco said, "Let me just say this when we've got what did you say Ed 1.6 million in a special account we've got \$600,000 you know what that means we're over taxing people if we have that money we're over taxing people if we have that money we're charging too much money." Sue Medeiros said, "Paul but we also said what are we going to do in three years when we do the work on Main St. and it costs us over a million dollars we're going to go out and get a loan." Edward Swartz said, "Can't just say do the work on Main St. the District rate payers have to vote that. Sue Medeiros said, "But that's going to be on this District Meeting we had a meeting with Tommy Ferry." Edward Swartz said, "That's why Municipal projects are set up this way is you go out to bond them that's why they're set up to be done that way project on a municipal level are bonded the revenue stream that comes into the Water District and it says it right on 359 that the fees are to offset projects you've done in specifics that \$893,000 is specific to offset the Capital Improvement of building this building so you can't look at it and say we're keeping this for the next three years for a project we may do it says right in 359 fees are to

be returned to lower the tax rate and that's what is in David Gay's letter as well this contractor's account is a big mystery." Sue Medeiros said, "What I'm going on is what Diane Dziura said about that account money." Edward Swartz said, "It's the definition of water fees." Paul Pacheco said, "We spent \$600,000 towards taxes, \$400,000, plus \$200,000, \$200,000=\$800,000, \$800,000 plus thousands to do the tanks, driveway, misc...." Edward Swartz said, "The D.O.R. still says we carry way more than any other District, any other District around." Paul Pacheco said, "We're taxing people too high if we spent two million and we've got two million still we're over taxing people." Sue Medeiros said, "We don't have two million." Edward Swartz said, "You have \$600,000 free cash \$1.267 million Capital Improvement and Contractor's account and then \$177,000 that was just closed out in a bond account. Those are escrows right the cell towers \$68,000." Carol Stevens said, "There is one account that belongs to them." Edward Swartz asked, "Belongs to who?" Carol Stevens said, "Belongs to the people that are on the tank they put a deposit down to go on the tanks that one is restricted. When we fixed the water tanks we were really having a hard time to get their antennas off if they hadn't co-operated we would've had to use that money." Edward Swartz said, "It's a bond, it's a bond." Paul Pacheco said, "But still between the \$600,000, the 1.2 million, and the \$177,000." Edward Swartz said, "About 1.8 between the Contractors account, Capital Improvement, and free cash." Sue Medeiros said, "Paul you know what I struggle with all this is that D.O.R. certified our free cash she knew about all those different accounts she knew about it I purposely I called her two months ago I said to e-mail Diane Dziura and tell her this is this, this is that, and if the D.O.R. is saying and they've seen all the different accounts Ed this is where I get confused sometimes work with me here." Edward Swartz said, "Legal has not seen it she told me yesterday legal has not seen it they certified based on the balance sheet that is submitted." Sue Medeiros asked, "She doesn't certify it and Perry?" Edward Swartz said, "No Perry signs off after she checks it but it is based on what is submitted by your Accountant." Sue Medeiros said, "Two people D.O.R. because I know Gerard Perry is a tough cookie if two people looked at it and said I know all the money you have all the accounts you have and this is what you have." Edward Swartz said, "Based on your balance sheet and what you submit as your balance

sheet problem no backup notes that are submitted to it they look at the balance if you're numbers balance over here and they balance over here they are not questioning what accounts you have they're saying you have showed me your revenue you have showed me your expenses this is what you have left those numbers jive according to us check mark we sign and send it." Paul Joly said, "Now she had made references on accounts until we explained to them what we were doing with Capital Improvements." Edward Swartz said, "For the last three years that has been included in free cash." Paul Pacheco said, "If that's been included in free cash how did all of a sudden now it go into a special reserve account without the tax people voting that that's where that money is going to go." Carol Stevens said, "Because it's a restricted account. Edward Swartz asked, "Why wasn't it restricted for the last three years?" Paul Pacheco asked, "How did it get into a restricted account without the Townspeople voting saying we want it into a restricted account?" Sue Medeiros asked, "How long has it been into a restricted Carol years?" Paul Pacheco asked, "How did it get into a restricted account without the Commissioners voting it?" Sue Medeiros said, "Wait a minute hold on, how long are we talking." Carol Stevens said, "2003." Sue Medeiros said, "We've had this restricted account since 2003." Paul Pacheco said, "If we've had a restricted account like Ed said why the last three years that money was included but now it's not." Edward Swartz said, "Because we've had a different Accountant for the last three years we have the same guy that was doing it from 2003-now has gone back to the way he believes those accounts ought to be set up that's why." Carol Stevens said, "We also have the Financial Advisor that was on here and we've gone back..." Edward Swartz said, "You interpreted that the way that..." Carol Stevens said, "No I called him again and asked." Sue Medeiros asked, "Who's the Financial Advisor?" Carol Stevens said, "John Daniels and he's suppose to be coming down to our meeting to set the rates." Sue Medeiros asked, "Can we bring in John Daniels?" Carol Stevens said, "He's coming in." Sue Medeiros asked, "Now who is John Daniels?" Carol Stevens said, "Financial Advisor." Sue Medeiros asked, "What is his job exactly?" Carol Stevens said, "That's what he is a Financial Advisor." Edward Swartz said, "No he's an Engineer." Carol Stevens said, "No John is a Financial Advisor." Edward Swartz said, "For an engineering firm he worked for the engineering firm that did the wastewater treatment plant."

Peter Roache said, "The States going to take the information that you sent they are not going to ask for backup information if you tell them it's a restricted account they are not going to say prove it to me."

Carol Stevens said, "But we didn't tell them we asked them where the money was supposed to go because we wanted clarification." Sue Medeiros said, "I know that I said I want this done the right way I want Carol to e-mail Diane Dziura she is there working for us and asked her the question." Carol Stevens said, "What I was told was it wasn't suppose to go into general funds it's not suppose to be used to buy trucks it's suppose to be used for Capital Improvement only."

Edward Swartz asked, "Where does it say that on that stuff you gave to me it said that surplus may be first appropriated for any new construction the plant because that's the definition of it was the plant that was the question at the time and the Commissioners may recommend in there after the water rates are required to be reduced." Carol Stevens said, "Water rates not taxes." Edward Swartz said, "Oh, so there's your answer you can take that \$893,000 and reduce the water rates for the year there's your answer." Sue Medeiros said, "We could do that." Carol Stevens said, "It is suppose to be used for construction so if nothing is going on, you don't have Main St., or are not buying a building...." Sue Medeiros said, "Main St. is not going to happen for another three to five years." Peter Roache said, "You can't spend money without voter approval." Sue Medeiros said, "Absolutely." Carol Stevens said, "That money we can..." Edward Swartz said, "No absolutely not." Peter Roache said, "Which says that it's general income, general income can only be used to reduce water rate." Carol Stevens said, "He said the Capital Improvement account can be used I'm not going to argue." Sue Medeiros said, "It's that one she came back that the Commissioners could take a vote." Edward Swartz said, "Right." Carol Stevens said, "The Commissioners can take a vote that's what David said." Edward Swartz said, "That's what I just read." Finance Committee, Chairman Patrick Menges said, "The letter was written by a lady in his office." Edward Swartz said, "In 2004." Sue Medeiros said, "Marguerite." Carol Stevens said, "Patrick's been on the Finance...." Sue Medeiros said, "So Marguerite's saying the Commissioners can take a vote on that money and transfer from there to general fund and use it for anything we want." Carol Stevens said, "We are supposed to use it for Capital Improvements..." Edward Swartz said, "That's not what

this says his exact words-“District said surplus may be first appropriated for any new construction.” Carol Stevens said, “Right first appropriated right.” Edward Swartz said, “First, first, because it’s been sitting there for six years and that’s in the same year it’s revenue in that year it can first be appropriated it says nothing about carrying it over and consistently building it to this little slush fund thing it says and thereafter the water rates are required to be reduced so if you don’t vote new construction that year you bring that income in and vote for new construction to use it it is suppose to be utilized to reduce the water rates and it was specifically asked about the Treatment Plant.” Sue Medeiros said, “I want to do something for these residents.” Paul Joly said, “Well if we do something with the rates...” Paul Pacheco said, “The only thing we can do is charge them less money next year.” Carol Stevens said, “When John Daniels comes in run all those by him John is a wealth of information he will tell you actually what you can do.” Sue Medeiros asked, “Can we also put a question out to Diane, don’t go to Diane go to the Attorney of the day.” Edward Swartz said, “Different one every day.” Sue Medeiros said, “Attorney of the day explain the situation and we have this money Commissioners would like to do something for the residents if it’s something we have to put on our Special. What’s going to be on Special we’re going to do a Special ASAP let’s do something in good faith for these residents. Discussion was held. Sue Medeiros said, “The question is going to be Finance Committee is here question is going to be take monies from that Capital Improvement account is that what is...” Edward Swartz said, “No called Contractors account.” Carol Stevens said, “One is Capital Improvement and one is Contractors.” Edward Swartz said, “Two different accounts Capital Improvement one is Contractors.” Paul Pacheco asked, “What’s the difference in the two?” Carol Stevens said, “Just the name they are the same.” Paul Pacheco asked, “Why do we have two that have different names?” Carol Stevens said, “Because one you can’t touch and one you can, example; tomorrow the Miranda’s come in they bring a big check I have to be able to put that in, one is a cd you can’t come and go when you want.” Paul Pacheco said, “We are collecting on a fee that we can’t touch it.” Carol Stevens said, “It’s a cd you can touch it.” Paul Pacheco asked, “Why are we putting it into a cd?” Carol Stevens said, “Because you get more interest.” Paul Pacheco said, “Only if we plan on keeping it

for a long time.” Carol Stevens said, “You do keep it for a long time?” Sue Medeiros said, “The Town does that too their stabilization account is in a cd right now.” Paul Pacheco said, “That’s what we are saying we should be keeping it for a long time if we’re not going to be keeping it for a long time then we don’t need to put it in a cd.” Sue Medeiros asked, “So how much money is in the Contractors account?” Edward Swartz said, “Wait a minute I have a question this is where I’m bogged if one can be utilized why is it not considered part of free cash and why are they both considered restricted on the submission of the balance sheet to D.O.R. why wouldn’t that \$321,000 account not be listed as part of free cash.” Carol Stevens said, “Available to put money in not available to put into general funds.” Edward Swartz said, “So we are saying you have a \$893,000 so you’re saying you have 1.2 million in accounts that you can put money but can’t be used by the Water District.” Carol Stevens said, “It can be used if they want to vote to use it for a Capital Improvement. What you both are saying you lower the water rates what’s that going to do to the taxes it’s going to make them higher because we don’t bring in hardly anything for water now.” Edward Swartz said, “That’s their idea mine is it should all go back to the tax rate next year you should put \$600,000 towards the tax rate and lower the tax rate to under a dollar.” Sue Medeiros said, “That was my priority.” Carol Stevens said, “Chapter 359 says put towards water rates, reduce water rates, what money do we have coming in you know what we bring in for water it’s nothing.” Edward Swartz said, “They are talking about how they can give it back now it’s \$900,000 that every year can be used it wasn’t used properly to reduce the water rate you have enough money in free cash and on hand cash that there wouldn’t have to be a tax rate for a year. You have more money in free cash and stabilization in accounts sitting there than the entire budget of the Water District.” Sue Medeiros said, “I don’t think we should touch stabilization.” Edward Swartz said, “I set that up when I first came in here.” Sue Medeiros said, “I don’t want to touch that my opinion.” Edward Swartz said, “But between free cash and those two accounts you have more money sitting in the bank than it takes to run the entire District for a whole year including paying the bills on the bond for the Treatment Plant.” Sue Medeiros asked, “How much money is in the Contractors account?” Edward Swartz said, “\$193,000 plus change, Capital

\$321,000 plus change, and bond indebtedness account \$177,000.” Sue Medeiros said, “That letter says at first it’s for Capital Improvement but then we can vote to use it for anything else.” Carol Stevens said, “Whatever is left is suppose to go to lower rates.” Sue Medeiros said, “Can we ask the question instead of lowering the lower rates we go to our special if we can take money out of that account to reduce the tax rate instead of using all the free cash.” Edward Swartz said, “You’re not making the tax higher because you are using money from that account to supplement what you lower the water rate your taking the revenue from that account and putting it into the water rate account so you are not raising the tax rate you’re lowering what you are estimating in revenues but you’re taking from an existing account to supplement what you’re taken out of the water rate. Sue Medeiros said, “Question out to Attorney of the day, if we can take money out of that to reduce water usage rates. What do you bring in for water?” Carol Stevens said, “Not much not even \$600,000.” Sue Medeiros said, “Ok so we reduce the tax rate, we do \$400,000, \$500,000.” Edward Swartz said, “Looking at the big picture so I have a question about some of the information I saw.” Sue Medeiros said, “Hold on I want to finish one thing before we do another.” Paul Pacheco said, “I’ve got one question if we have a restricted account when did the Towns people vote that it be a restricted account.” Carol Stevens said, “Commissioners voted.” Paul Pacheco said, “I don’t think the Commissioners can legally restrict an account.” Sue Medeiros said, “Well we can take if from a restricted account so why couldn’t they vote it in.” Paul Pacheco said, “So we can make a motion tonight to wipe out that account.” Sue Medeiros said, “This is the question we are going to ask the Attorney of the day.” Paul Pacheco said, “But you just said it’s the Commissioners.” Sue Medeiros said, “Letter says the Commissioners can put it in so why can’t we take it out but I want to get a clarification I don’t want to jump into this stuff again without knowing for sure we’ll be back where we started.” Paul Pacheco said, “Here’s what I think, I think that it was never put in front of the Towns people to be put into a legal restricted account.” Paul Joly asked, “By-laws state the Commissioners can do that is that right?” Edward Swartz said, “No very vague and very gray in Chapter 359 very vague and very gray.” Charles Roderigues said, “Why don’t you ask Attorney.” Patrick Menges said, “When you call a District

meeting and ask for appropriation or transfer you suggest to the District where you want the money to come from you say to the District transfer from free cash or raise and appropriate or what have you so bottom line is restricted account or not restricted account where the money comes from ultimately is up to the Commissioners it's up to the people to appropriate or transfer it but where it comes from you say because you're the people who say to District Meeting if you want to put this money in a cd and not use it when you call a District meeting you simply don't propose the money be taken out of the account naturally you have the power." Edward Swartz said, "Here's what it says this is straight from Chapter 359 Section 10 talks about it last paragraph Section 10 of the enabling legislature which creates the District says that any and all income of the District not just income received from water rates under Section 10 this is income shall be used to defray all operating expenses, interest charges, and payment on the principal of any bonds or notes issued by the District no prior vote or authorization is required because the approval was given at the Annual or Special to spend the money the voters just don't say what checking account it comes from since it's all the same and the District is actually mandated by the language of Section 10 to use the money for these reasons as with the use of water rate income the check on the District use of this money comes in the remaining language of Section 10 pertaining to surplus income and it says they must spend this money all receipts during the year this is consistent with how it's reported on the annual receipts based on voter approved expenses and anything left over must be used to reduce tax rates that's the interpretation of Section 10." Carol Stevens asked, "Whose interruption is that?" Edward Swartz and Peter Roache said, "David's." Edward Swartz said, "In his letter." Carol Stevens asked, "Letter that I gave you?" Edward Swartz said, "Letter you gave me." (Copy of Chapter 359 Section 10 attached, copy of letter attached for reference) Sue Medeiros said, "Ok, Patrick, everyone we have a Special District Meeting coming up Commissioners put an article on there to take how much money are we looking at in order to make any difference to a taxpayer in their usage above and beyond taking money to reduce the tax rate I'm talking two different articles." Carol Stevens said, "Not all taxpayers are users." Edward Swartz said, "Right." Patrick Menges asked, "What are you reducing rates or taxes?" Sue Medeiros said, "I'm saying reduce rates for this year

only take let's say take \$300,000 to reduce." Edward Swartz said, "Just so you know the only people benefitting are the people that run by their house you're not benefitting anyone who is outside of that." Carol Stevens said, "So you are going to cause a whole another problem." Paul Pacheco said, "But here's the thing getting back to it Sue why would we, we'd look like idiots if we get up there." Edward Swartz said, "You'd help me I'd be fine because I would run my sprinkler more." Sue Medeiros said, "Well I think that we have to start where we did in the beginning it was unfortunate and then let's take \$500,000- \$600,000 to reduce the tax rate for next year my opinion we don't take all the free cash money because that leaves us no free cash to do other things that Chuck needs whether it be a new truck." Edward Swartz said, "Well I think you need to answer the question of the restricted vs. non-restricted accounts because it's not \$600,000 it's 1.8 million." Paul Pacheco said, "What I was saying Sue we're not going to look good if Commissioners at one time decided to make a restricted account then we go in front of the tax people to ask them to take it out of it." Sue Medeiros asked, "Is this something we can take out ourselves, no we still have to go to Town Meeting in order to reduce the tax rate District Meeting." Paul Pacheco said, "Should've gone to Town Meeting to go into restricted account." Sue Medeiros said, "Well I can't answer that I wasn't here." Edward Swartz said, "Right 2003-2004." Sue Medeiros said, "2003 Paul not going to help us." Paul Pacheco said, "So it doesn't matter here then or not if Commissioners did not have the right to make that decision." Carol Stevens said, "They do have the right it says right in Chapter 359." Sue Medeiros said, "They do have the right." Edward Swartz said, "But the difference is based on how you read this it should've been anything that was in there excess at the end of each year should've been utilized in the following year to reduce the rate." Sue Medeiros said, "But they did do that you know that as well as I do before I came on board here Diane Dziura sent me what was in free cash for the prior eight years and I was dumb founded there was a lot of money in free cash but ok..." Patrick Menges said, "Bottom line is what becomes of that money now is up to the voters of the District, whatever happened in the past, what happens to that money now nothing is going to be done with it it's not going to be spent in any particular way except by a vote of the District voters whatever that vote was taken the article will say raise

and appropriate or transfer from free cash, transfer from Construction fund whatever it is that will be in the language of the article now I ask you as a matter of reasonableness let's say you propose it and the voters approve transferring money out of what you thought was a restricted cod who in his right mind and what judge on what day is going to allow a suit challenging a vote of the District to do with its money what it wants than the issue is closed make your proposal and we'll consider it." Edward Swartz said, "Right and what I'm trying to do is set it up so in the future this doesn't happen again so it's clarified that if there is remaining funds in the account whether you're the Finance Committee or any of the three members are here are whoever's here that the guidelines is followed the way it is suppose to be. Sue Medeiros said, "My recommendation would be then it looks like the max that's ever been done is \$300,000 in one year. I've got it right here from the Assessor's office." Edward Swartz said, "I think it was \$400,000 maybe my first year or the second." Sue Medeiros said, "Carol your numbers match Carol's the most FY 2010 \$300,000, FY 2009 \$200,000, FY 2008 \$200,000, FY 2007 \$300,000 what if to compare my opinion, my opinion two articles on the warrant one \$300,000 from Capital account to reduce the tax rate and another \$300,000 from free cash to reduce the tax rate that would be \$600,000 to reduce the tax rate." Paul Pacheco said, "That would be food but we also want to clarify is restricted account or is it not as we move forward." Edward Swartz said, "Hold on we have to clarify that for the future as monies come into that account do they have to be spent the following year." Sue Medeiros asked, "Can we address that secondly? This is what I would like to do Finance Committee is here set a District Meeting two articles Patrick in your expertise over the years be two separate articles because the money is coming out of two different funds." Edward Swartz said, "You can do that at the Annual because it won't take effect until next year should be done at Annual something that affects next year's budget that's when you are voting on next year's budget." Patrick Menges said, "I agree with that I prefer to see anything changes the rates at an Annual Meeting." Charles Roderigues said, "Says so right here at the end of Section 10." Sue Medeiros said, "Ok does everybody feel comfortable if it was \$300,000 so that would be \$600,000 almost making up for the year we didn't do I think that's a good chunk of money. I step down and make a motion at our Annual District Meeting there be two

articles to reduce the tax rate. 1. \$300,000 from Capital Improvement and 2. \$300,000 from free cash that still leaves us a little over \$300,000 in free cash to have a Special District Meeting in the next couple of months or the next month to address some of the needs of the District so that's my motion I don't know if anybody wants to second it." Paul Pacheco said, "I'll second it." Edward Swartz said, "Just so Carol so you know when I was looking through submissions on free cash that on the tax rate there is a mistake in the submission because whatever it was to pay back those overlay is entered in the overlay and free cash for this year." Sue Medeiros said, "We're going to get that back." Edward Swartz said, "Because you truly did over tax by \$43,000 in change really paid for in last year's free cash." Sue Medeiros said, "That was the last thing Diane Dziura fixed before she approved our certified free cash. I have access to everything on gateway Carol heard there was a change, Carol never got an e-mail saying there was a change when the D.O.R. makes a change on gateway the person that originally put it in needs to be notified that somebody went in to change it we all got it except Carol which is not fair you need to print a copy of that B-1 and put that so when you do the balance sheet for next year." Carol Stevens said, "I have it." Sue Medeiros said, "You are right Ed that money was almost like a double thing it went in twice we will get that money back in free cash next year another \$40,000." Edward Swartz said, "\$177,000 was that a vote to closeout that account at a Commissioners meeting." Sue Medeiros said, "Yes." Edward Swartz said, "So there's \$177,000 in non-recurring miscellaneous revenue." Sue Medeiros said, "That's my motion, you seconded it." Paul Pacheco said, "Yes." Sue Medeiros said, "All in favor, ayes have it." Edward Swartz said, "Can I just ask the Finance Committee to look into one thing really an answer Carol will have to give to them as I look through all the balance sheets and everything almost \$10,000 in bank fees as a guy who does some banking with some banks and not at that level I just think that's an awful banking fee for an entity that has 1.2, 1.3 in these banks two accounts that 1.2 mil. With a bank they are charging you bank fees they are making money off your money every day I just think the banking fees that the District is getting charged are a little absorbent especially where in some cases we're only getting .25 and .5 on our money." Carol Stevens asked, "Are those the Treatment Plant loans?" Edward Swartz said, "No." Carol Stevens said,

“Because we have administration fees.” Edward Swartz said, “No, on your regular banking fees it’s almost \$10,000 when you add them altogether.” Edward Swartz left. Sue Medeiros said, “Go back now with the Finance Committee we have some housekeeping stuff that we need to do Chuck right we should be setting a Special District Meeting correct.” Paul Joly said, “We need to go over basically Finance Committee has to give recommendation on what we’re going to do.” Sue Medeiros said, “Right and that means Chuck you would have to give us what you need I know we’re discussed some things.” Paul Joly said, “Looking at land some other stuff...” Sue Medeiros said, “Land have to get more information something you would want to put on Annual District.” Paul Joly said, “If we do go with the land over there what kind of a figure are we going to throw out. Should have an idea roughly what kind of bucks we’re going to throw out for a down payment to present.” Sue Medeiros said, “Money from free cash to replenish any of your accounts.” Carol Stevens said, “One account that’s over.” Paul Joly said, “Giving \$600,000 now for what you just proposed.” Sue Medeiros said, “Not going to do anything now not doing it till the Annual District Meeting.” Carol Stevens said, “Motion you made \$600,000 Paul Pacheco seconded it. E-mail from Diane says I don’t know where they think they have all this free cash numbers are wrong don’t know why they think they have all the free cash they have.” Sue Medeiros said, “Free cash figure came from her though.” Carol Stevens to Peter Roache, “Did she talk to you last year on overlay she threw us all these new sheets and she said she talked to you last year and she said all these sheets had to be done and we knew nothing about them.” Peter Roache said, “The overlay last year yeah.” Carol Stevens said, “Sheet that comes from Mary.” Peter Roache said, “Right.” Carol Stevens said, “That was all suppose to be filled never was filled out last year.” Peter Roache said, “Might have been from Carol not Mary.” Carol Stevens said, “No the sheet from Mary this year that she said all had to be filled across and we’ve never ever have done that before.” Peter Roache said, “Yeah overlay report was done last year.” Discussion on Finance Committee duties and Main St. waterline replacement. Patrick Menges said, “We need nuts and bolts from Tom Ferry on Main St. project so we can make a fair decision whether or not it’s worth proposing now.” Sue Medeiros said, “Bring him in for our February meeting Carol.” Patrick Menges said, “On the land we need

a price the possibility of a substantial down payment the salability of the property on 138 so forth all that stuff needs to be nailed down so there are no questions when we have it together never mind asking the District whether or not we should go ahead with it we tell the District we've got to and then let them say yeah or nay."

David Gay's bill was reviewed. Paul Pacheco said, "Only bill us for what we request what everybody else requests" Sue Medeiros said, "What happened Patrick you weren't here we got a bill from David Gay he got a phone call from Mark Pacheco the Senator asking him questions about the Water District then he turned around and billed us \$96.00 for his conversation with Mark Pacheco." Patrick Menges said, "Why I think the lawyer would know better than that the bill obviously goes to Senator Pacheco." Paul Pacheco said, "Exactly." Paul Joly said, "He should've called us if he had questions." Sue Medeiros said, "Carol did the right thing Carol addressed it to the Board." Karen O'Connor asked for a copy of the bill.

Sue Medeiros said, "Sign update." Paul Pacheco said, "I thought these signs we were talking about hydrant signs. Carol did you ever get the bill for that I still have questions for that hydrant signs the bill I want to see the break down on that." Paul Joly said, "Pavao got the oak Chuck's going to go down and check it out. On the land over here hold a Special District Meeting just to get a feel for it give them a ball park figure and explain." Patrick Menges said, "I think you should give them a solid proposal. Next meeting you're going to decide when you're going to schedule a Special Meeting we probably shouldn't meet until you scheduled a Special Meeting and know what you're going to put on the warrant then we'll meet and go over your articles." Sue Medeiros said, "Next meeting February 8th right Carol." Patrick Menges said, "We could meet Thursday night of that week have their articles ready. Thursday February 10th, 7:00P.M. go over the articles." Paul Joly said, "Well I'll tell you this is a pleasure to have a Finance Committee to sit and hash things around." Sue Medeiros said, "Very, very, very lucky to have Pat here to guide you because Patrick did it for years." Paul Joly said, "Very lucky to have all of you." Sue Medeiros said, "All of you absolutely we're thrilled, we're thrilled you guys are going to make a great group." Paul Joly

said, "This job just takes common sense you don't need all kinds of accounting degrees this and that just basically common sense."

Paul Pacheco said, "Approve the minutes and warrants table everything else until the next meeting and the other thing is just to throw it out there I don't care if you want to do a meeting every Tuesday night of January we always end up with a ton of stuff we don't get accomplished I don't have a problem we're here tonight we're going to do next Tuesday you want to do the 25th." Paul Joly said, "No problem with it either." Sue Medeiros said, "Actually you are going to be gone for a while anyways so that will work out well." Paul Pacheco asked, "Why how long are you going to be gone for?" Paul Joly said, "A couple of months." Paul Pacheco said, "Couple of months." Paul Joly said, "Conference calls." Paul Pacheco said, "No we can't do calls." Sue Medeiros said, "We don't know how that all works." Paul Pacheco said, "I thought we can't make any decisions on e-mails or phones." Sue Medeiros said, "We can't he can listen he can't vote he can't make any decisions." Paul Pacheco said, "Oh he can listen will put tape over the microphone so he can't talk, he can listen but we can cut the wire on the other end." Karen O'Connor asked, "What happens then on a two vote?" Sue Medeiros said, "It's null and void if we don't agree it's over." Sue Medeiros said, "Meeting the 18th I don't want to add anything else to the 18th already have too much on that day David's got to leave at 7 Union Contracts, award the bids." Paul Pacheco asked, "When are you leaving?" Paul Joly said, "The 29th." Sue Medeiros said, "Then I'm going for two weeks Town Election 9th leaving on the 12th driving to Florida." Sue Medeiros said, "Carol 25th put on stuff we didn't address today Chuck's stuff going to sign warrants and minutes then after that we'll adjourn meet on the 18th 5:50, and then meet on the 25th at 6:00." Paul Pacheco said, "So if we don't finish the Union Contract before you leave we will wait till you come back." Paul Joly said, "Yeah, yeah, by all means." Paul Pacheco said, "You don't want to be here doing it without him." Sue Medeiros said, "I'm fine with that so if we don't finish it before he leaves put it off until he comes back." Patrick Menges's agenda- Main St., land acquisition, tax reduction they are going to work on getting nuts and bolts nailed down on the 8th put together warrant for Special District Meeting with the articles on the 10th we'll meet and go over what they propose.

Sue Medeiros said, "I'll step down make a motion to approve the warrants." Paul Joly said, "Second." Sue Medeiros said, "All in favor, ayes have it."

Sue Medeiros said, "I'll step down make a motion to approve the minutes." Paul Joly said, "Second." Sue Medeiros said, "All in favor, ayes have it."

Sue Medeiros said, "I make a motion to adjourn at 9:05 P.M. Discussion on draining Elm St. Tank. Paul Joly seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Stevens
District Clerk

Those in Attendance:

Sue Medeiros

Paul Joly

Paul Pacheco

Edward Swartz

Peter Roache

Charles Roderigues

Patrick Menges

Karen O'Connor

Michael Callahan

Carol Berube

Charles Cestodio Jr.

Carol A. Stevens
