

Dighton Water District

192 Williams Street
North Dighton, MA 02764

Edward Swartz
Jeffery Cloonan
Sue Medeiros
COMMISSIONERS

Tina Bragga
TREASURER

THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDED

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
Water District Headquarters

Chairman of the Board of Ed Swartz called the meeting to order at 6:25 P.M. on Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING WITH SCHEDULED GUESTS:

Tom Sexton – GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. – Mr. Sexton presented the Board with a water supply brochure describing all the water services under his group and two resumes. Mr. Sexton has done previous work with the District. There was a discussion on water limits, demands and growth of the town. It was mentioned that the Town of Dighton uses Peter Williams of GZA on some of their Boards. Superintendent Olsen feels it would be a good idea to merge the Water District and the Town through the engineering service. Mr. Sexton submitted a proposal of services for peer review of water systems. Superintendent Olsen would like to use GZA to review new subdivision plans. Chairman Swartz asked for a motion that the Board go on record that GZA is the peer review engineer of record for the Dighton Water District and plans that are submitted to the District are sent to GZA for the peer review and that all Developers are notified as part of the packet they receive that GZA will provide the peer review for District. Commissioner Medeiros so moved and Commissioner Cloonan seconded, all were in favor.

Mr. Sexton mentioned to the board they need to start thinking about how to advise the developers that they must off set their water uses through regulations or the town. Chairman Swartz stated it would be a combination of both, at some point the District would like to sit down with Mr. Williams and Mr. Sexton as well as the Chairmen of the Planning and Zoning boards so we can work together. We'll plan for after the new fiscal year.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Chairman Ed Swartz entertained a motion to accept and not distribute the executive session minutes of Tuesday April 14, 2015 no votes were taken, will not be released because it was in regards to collective bargaining. Commissioner Medeiros, so moved, Commissioner Jeff Cloonan seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. Second was to accept the regular meeting minutes of April 14, 2015, Commissioner Sue Medeiros so moved, Commissioner Jeff Cloonan seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Swartz stated there was a follow up letter from Chief Roderick's regarding a list of items that are needed by the water department to help with our fire safety. Items were 1-4 gas meter, CO detectors for the well houses and plant (must be hard wired into the alarm system), two Scott Air Packs and a confined space blower. Chairman Swartz referred the list to Superintendent Olsen to price.

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

Chairman Swartz read the financial conditions. Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to accept the financial report, Commissioner Medeiros so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Olsen presented the board with a draft fee schedule for Wellington Acres subdivision. Chairman Swartz asked that the schedule be sent to the developer so they know what their total expectation of cost is but knowing full well that the capital fees are paid when they take out the building permit.

Chairman Swartz motioned to approve Wellington Acres with the recommendation of the Superintendent, Commissioner Cloonan seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Olsen questioned if the town had accepted Tommy's Way and Billy's Way, these are the streets in Cedar Estates that Wellington Acres developers are going through. The Superintendent was questioning whose water pipes are on these streets. Chairman Swartz directed to ask the planning board where Cedar Estates development stands. Superintendent Olsen stated this development is missing services on one side of the street.

Next on the report was 1209 Somerset Avenue fire line and in conjunction with that the new police building which will be similar. Superintendent Olsen stated he had received a plan from the sprinkler company on the proposed fire line at 1209 Somerset Avenue. The plan stated a 2 ½ inch service, they don't make a 2 ½ inch tap. Chairman Swartz stated to call Mr. Norton, the contractor from Premier Construction and ask him to revise their plan. Chairman Swartz would like the board to go on record that the district follow the same process they had followed on 600 Old Somerset Avenue, to follow the same procedure, same requirements on both. We will need to have a separate discussion on the police/communications building with the Fire Chief where that is a public building versus these are private businesses. Their engineers will have to submit a plan to the District similar to Wellington Acres. The board cannot give a fee schedule until we know what they are doing. Chairman Swartz asked the Board to go on record that we follow the same process that is outlined in our minutes of April 8, 2008 as it comes to the handling of the meter and that the developer/occupant follows the same process as outlined. Commissioner Medeiros so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Flushing has been completed taking only two and half weeks.

Superintendent Olsen met with the electrician who will write up quotes on the emergency hook up of our Cedar Street well field to our new generator.

Superintendent Olsen spoke with Superintendent Ferry of the Highway Department who plans on paving more of Main Street. There are ten services and one hydrant that should be replaced between Elm Street and the dam. The district has the hydrant on hand and can do the services ourselves. Chairman Swartz questioned replacing the line. Superintendent Olsen stated he is not sure what size line would be needed, waiting on hydraulic model from Tata & Howard. Chairman Swartz stated we would do the services.

Will be putting in two new services one on Hart Street and one on Brook.

One of the recommendations from Tata & Howard was to try citric acid in the clear wells. The operators have just completed one today hopefully we will notice an improvement.

Barbato Construction Company will start installing the tank mixer the end of May the beginning of June. The first step will be to send a diver in to clean the tank while in service.

Superintendent Olsen reported that he had previously discussed with the Board a gentleman that want to petition to come into the District and put a main down Elm Street to his property. This gentleman has since changed his mind and would like Somerset to service his property which abuts County Street. This property is out of the District and Somerset Water is requesting a letter from us stating the owner cannot receive water from the Dighton Water District. Superintendent Olsen feels this property is out of the district and we cannot force him to connect to Dighton water. To receive Dighton water would require petitioning the District and running an 8 inch main from the corner of Hart Street to his property. This would be very costly. Somerset Water stated they would supply water if the Dighton Water District refuses to give water. Chairman Swartz stated the Board will schedule a future meeting with Somerset Water to discuss the agreement between the two towns.

OLD BUSINESS:

Award Bids for Fiscal 2016 – Chairman Swartz asked for Superintendent Olsen’s recommendations. Superintendent Olsen made the following bid recommendations:

Asphalt Patch Repair	JH Landscaping
Equipment & Labor	Fisher Construction
Pipe Supplies, Propane	
Section 1	Putnum Pipe
Section 2	Easton Winwater
Section 3	Ferguson Supply
Section 4	Ferguson Supply
Section 5	HD Supply
Section 6	Putnum Pipe
Propane	Ferrell Gas
Chlorine	National Bleach
Hydroxide	Borden & Remington
Pacl	Holland Corporation
Potassium Permanganate	Harcross
Citec Polymer	Atlantic CST
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance.	Reese’s Auto

Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to accept the recommendations as presented by the Superintendent. Commissioner Medeiros made the motion, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously

1209 Somerset Avenue – Fire Line - Previously discussed
Wellington Acres – Previously discussed
Intermunicipal Agreement – No update
GIS Mapping – No update

Fiscal 2016 Proposed Operating Budget and Special Articles – Sign Warrant –
Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to recommend the proposed operating budget and special articles for the warrant at our Annual District meeting on May the 28th 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Middle School. Commissioner Medeiros so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Swartz announced the it was Commissioner Susana Medeiros last board meeting and thanked her for her service to the Water District for the last six years and her continued service to the town, she's a valued member of our community. Everyone at the Water District thanks her for everything she has done. Commissioner Medeiros stated that it has been an honor and a privilege.

There is a Commissioners meeting on Wednesday May 13th for contract negotiations in executive session. The Annual District Election will be May 18, 2015 from noon to 7:00 PM. Annual District Meeting will be May 28, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Dighton Middle School. Next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners is posted for June 9, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM, Commissioner Medeiros so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
District Clerk

Those in Attendance:

Edward Swartz
Jeffrey Cloonan
Chief Tony Roderick

Sue Medeiros
Tina Bragga
Tom Sexton

Greg Olsen
Jim Ready
Dorian Jefferson

Chairman Ed Swartz

Clerk Jeff Cloonan

Commissioner Sue Medeiros