

**Dighton Water District
192 Williams Street
North Dighton, MA 02764**

Edward Swartz
Derek Lach
Jason Quinn
COMMISSIONERS
Tina Bragga
Clerk/Treasurer

THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDED
Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Swartz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on May 12, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness - MVP-Interconnection

Superintendent Jeff Cloonan explained that the MVP, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness is a program driving by Fall River, Somerset and they add Dighton and Swansea. The MVP is a study to see the water availability in the area to see if we can all use it either together or just in emergencies. They want to take everyone's hydraulic model and see where the interconnections are to see if they are useful if something should happen because of pressures and where tanks are. Jeff asked the group if they would put GIS mapping-Geographic Information Systems in the project to give Dighton some incentive to join the project, Fall River accepted. To do the GIS portion of the project, Woodard & Curran figured the cost at \$22,000.00 with our cost around \$5,000.00. GIS mapping will show us where water main breaks have been, valve locations, valve sizes, year and when meters were installed, mains sizes, its just so helpful. Jeff presented Board with a breakdown of cost by town for the project. The District's cost is more because we asked to have the GIS mapping included, all other towns involved already have mapping. A grant will be paying a portion of this project.

The Board agreed with the project and stated we will need to set up a Special meeting to vote on the funding.

On a motion made and seconded the Board voted unanimously to allow the Superintendent to proceed with discussions for the MVP Interconnection and GIS grant with the Towns listed on his recommendation.

Moratorium

Jeff reported that he has been in contact with DEP-Department of Environmental Protection in regards to imposing a water moratorium. DEP has no problem with the moratorium we just need to submit a letter stating why.

District Council Matthew Costa was in attendance and stated that the District has the authority on its own to impose a moratorium. Attorney Costa continued that by stating the reason for the moratorium in writing to DEP the District will have back up if we should get push back from anyone. This is truly necessary, we've listed the reasons, it's an emergency regulation. Attorney Costa has written the

moratorium to be in place for one year and if the District solves the issues it is having, we can lift the moratorium sooner.

Commissioner Jason Quinn asked how long and what is the game plan in place while we have the moratorium.

Jeff stated that the District will need to do studies to see what it will cost and how long it will take to get up to speed. In speaking with the town Building Inspector Jim Aguiar, we have 200 form A lots at this time not including developments.

Chairman Swartz feels that the quantification is the current usage data that we have. Basically, we can't handle what we have now, if you put 350 more homes on top of that that we are obligated to, the system is over taxed. The second point that Commissioner Quinn had made, we are doing the steps to correct the issues. This is what the Master Plan that is being performed at this time will give us.

Quinn asked if we know how Covid has affected our usage numbers where residents have been home. We will need to look at an average over the last five years factoring in the additional services we now have and compare to this year. We have used four million gallons over last year at this time.

There was a discuss regarding lots not subject to the moratorium. On a motion made and seconded the Board voted unanimously to adopt the moratorium with the recommendation that all currently approved form A lots be waived from the moratorium and the moratorium moves from hence day forward. This includes District approved subdivisions. Commercial connections subject to review. Moratorium to be established for two years with potential for review.

Attorney Costa will make the changes to the moratorium prior to the Boards signature.

Expenditure Warrants

Motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure warrants as presented.

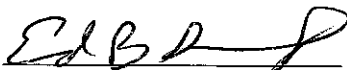
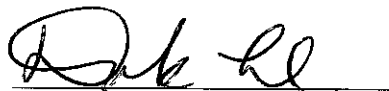

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tina Bragga
District Clerk


Chairman Ed Swartz
Clerk Derek Lach
Member Jason Quinn