

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

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

THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDED

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
Old Town Hall

Chairman Swartz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on July 14, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance

GUEST MALLORY ARONSTEIRN, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR – Main Street Project

A copy of the towns engineering plan to repave Main Street was presented to the Board. The repaving project will not start earlier than Fiscal 2022. The Water District will research grants to replace the water main on Main Street prior to the start of the project. The replacement of the main from Elm to Williams will cost roughly three million dollars. Superintendent Jeff Cloonan and Mallory will work together to research a Mass Works grant. The District will have a Public Hearing to educate the residents of the upcoming project and the reasons it is necessary to replace the water main.

GUEST KEN & ROBERT BERUBE – Old Williams Estates

Mr. Berube stated that the Old Williams Estates Definitive Subdivision plans have been submitted and approved by the Planning Board with an extension date to expire on October 17, 2020. Subdivision has five lots with one existing form A home on the property. Water line will need to be extended to this subdivision. The Berube's discussed the looping of the line to John Street as to not create a dead end, an easement would need to be acquired. Original subdivision plans were submitted to the District in 2006, peer review by the District engineer was performed in 2013. Plan needs to be review to make sure peer review was incorporated into the plans.

GUEST CHUCK ADELSBERGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS – Project Updates

Water System Master Plan – Chuck stated that the Master Plan was complete other than the rate study. In the process of gathering information for the rate study. Chuck stated the Water System Master Plan will be finished by the next meeting as long as he gets all the information needed for the rate study.

Cedar Street Well #1 Replacement Well – The Cedar Street 1 pump test proposal has been completed and ready to submit to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for their approval. This should not be a problem. The only concern is DEP has the right to not approve if water loss is over 10%, the District is currently at 17%. Timeframe on a replacement well, start to finish is about a year.

Commissioner Derek Lach stated at this time we need to focus on the replacement well and the issue with piping between Cedar 2 and Cedar 3. Would like to have the drillers out to the replacement well before we proceed.

Chuck recommends the District perform a Water Treatment Facility Evaluation and Optimization Study; task order was presented. Secondly, to perform a Comprehensive Water Audit which would include Environmental Partners looking at the piping at Cedar 2 and 3 along with a Leak Detection Study. These task orders would potentially find unaccounted water which would help the District and lower the loss water reported to DEP.

Bristol Agricultural School Project was discussed in regards to the potential water loss. The school is in the process of installing meters in all buildings with the exception of Gilbert Hall that has a six-inch line. We will need to determine a way to meter the Hall. Superintendent Cloonan feels the school is one source of the District's water loss. To date the water is still being metered through the pit.

Superintendent Cloonan explained that the treatment plant has never done what it was intended to do, never got what we were told we'd get out of the plant. Even if we find a new well the plant will not be able to push it out.

The Board agreed before spending any additional money they would like the Master Plan before them. Need to understand the Rate Study and the Capital Improvement Projects.

Board will take new task orders for the Water treatment Facility Evaluation and Optimization Study & Leak Detection Survey under advisement. The Board stated that the District cannot do all the project suggested and needed at this time.

Commissioner Lach questioned if the District will receive the Hydraulic Model that EP is in the process of completing. Chuck stated that we will receive a copy of the model but will need to purchase the supporting software and have someone trained on the software in order to use the Hydraulic Model.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the June 9 monthly, June 18 Moratorium, June 18 Annual, June 24 and 25 Emergency Water Ban meetings; motion passed unanimously.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to accept the financial reports as presented, Commissioner Lach so moved, Commissioner Quinn second, motion passed unanimously.

On a motion was made and seconded the Board approved the expenditure warrants as presented.

On a motion made and seconded the Board approved the to following supplemental budgetary transfers:

To transfer \$2,998.43 from account 450-524-02-00 R&M Water Meter Srv to 450-521-01-00 Electricity

To transfer \$14,955.04 from account 450-524-02-00 R&M Water Meter Srv to 450-524-03-00 R&M System Maintenance

To transfer \$143.10 from account 450-524-02-00 R&M Water Meter Srv to 450-524-06-00 R&M Treatment Maintenance

To transfer \$914.93 from account 450-524-02-00 R&M Water Meter Srv to 450-581-01-00 New Equipment Purchase.

To transfer \$8.35 from account 450-524-02-00 R&M Water Meter Srv to 450-565-01-00 DEP Assessment.

On a motion made and seconded the Board approved the following encumbrances for a total of \$98, 035.16 and broken down as follows:

\$1,284.35 for 450-524-17-91 Meter Program
\$3,560.00 for 450-530-03-19 Land Purchase-Cedar Street,
\$7,170.80 for 450-524-17-18 Hydrant Replacement,
\$4,515.00 for 450-524-20-20 Roof /Siding/Windows,
\$5,921.20 for 450-530-03-20 Master Plan,
\$3,500.00 for 450-524-16-20 Valve Exercise,
\$20,000.00 for 450-524-18-19 Meter Program.
\$10,000.00 for 450-524-21-20 Tree Work
\$10,100.00 for 450-524-22-20 Generator Electric
\$21,225.40 for 50-530-03-21 Groundwater Exploration
\$10,758.41 for 450-524-20-21 Aggie Pipe Project

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Cloonan wanted to impress upon the Board and the District residents about the condition of our wells and how much water we have been pumping. As of June, the plant has pumped more than 12 million gallons over last year at this time. Since the moratorium and full water ban has gone into effect pumping has slowed down but there are still times it picks up. Since this July we have pumped 1.6-1.8 million less than the prior July. Our well levels are lower than last year at this time. We have not gotten any rain to help the wells recover. Staff have been out checking and fining residents that are still using irrigations.

Commissioner Jason Quinn would like to send a notice out to the District residents in regards to the full water ban. There are still customers that are unaware there is a water ban in effect. Motion passed unanimously that the Superintendent and the Clerk/Treasurer send out an updated post card with the information regarding existing and future water ban.

Superintendent Cloonan will set up a few possible dates to meet with Somerset Water Commissioner and Representative Patricia Haddad in regards to the Brook Street well. Board to let Jeff know their availability.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bristol County Agricultural High School Project – Previously discussed
Credit Card – No discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

Somerset Intermunicipal Agreement – Discuss and Approve
Somerset Agreement was presented to the Board. The Board voted unanimously to accept the Somerset Water agreement as specified.

Employee Policy Handbook – Review Polices
Board will review prior to August meeting.

Phone Stipend – Commissioner Derek Lach stated that some of the staff has asked the phone stipend be paid out monthly rather than yearly. Board agreed to leave up to the union members with majority rules.

Re-organization

On a motion made and seconded the Board elected Derek Lach as Chairman of the Board
On a motion made and seconded the Board elected Jason Quinn as Clerk of the Board
On a motion made and seconded the Board reappointed Jeffrey Cloonan as Superintendent
On a motion made and seconded the Board reappointed Tina Bragga as Clerk/Treasurer

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

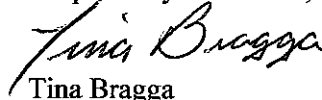
Next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners – Thursday, August 6, 2020, 4:00 PM at the Old Town Hall

PUBLIC INPUT: None

Executive Session Under the Provisions of Chapter 30A Section 21 (a) Nonunion Personnel- Roll call was taken; Board will not return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

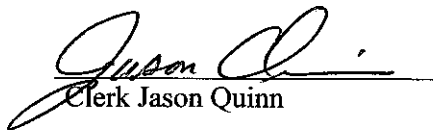
Respectfully Submitted,



Tina Bragga
District Clerk



Chairman Derek Lach



Clerk Jason Quinn



Member Ed Swartz