

**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

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Old Town Hall

Chairman Derek Lach called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. on October 14, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance

WATER BAN VIOLATION HEARING – 108 Sonny’s Way

Katherine & Michael Pavao requested a hearing to appeal a Water Ban Violation dated September 18th. The Pavao’s along with neighbors Raymond Hague and Justin Moniz presented their case to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hague stated that they were objecting and contesting the ability of the violation notice both in the presentation, does not conform with state law and the way the notice was presented does not conform with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 21D.

The Board stated the violation was not seen and had been an anonymous call regarding the irrigation system being used. All were in agreement this was a mistake and the violation was removed.

Chairman Lach understands the frustration of residents that have spent money on their lawns and are unable to irrigate. Lach explained that the District is in the process of looking for new water sources but at this time the water ban is necessary. Massachusetts is in a drought, the district wells are low, we were unable to connect to Somerset water. The District has emergency connections with Somerset and Taunton.

Quinn explained the many projects that are necessary to rectify the issues at the District. Are in the process of working on a rate study, rates will be going up. There are mains that need to be replaced, expand the plant, find new water sources. Many projects that need to be addressed in the next 5-7 years.

GUEST CHUCK ADELSBERGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS – Project Updates

Leak Detection Survey – At the request of the Board at the previous meeting, Chuck and Superintendent Jeff Cloonan researched Leak Detection Survey, Scope of Services which was presented to the Board. Jeff will go out for quotes on the service.

Cedar 1A Well Replacement – Timeline was presented with cost of general services through to the production well. Frank Sullivan of FG Sullivan Drilling Co. Inc. has been contacted to perform the drilling of the production well which is in the first phase. The second phase is the pump test. This is all a requirement of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to determine that the water quality is good and the well capacity is what we think it is. DEP has been petitioned to see if we could increase the rate, Cedar 1 is currently 119 gallons per minute. The production well could produce up to 300 gallons

per minute. Being a replacement well we cannot increase, but DEP suggested we should explore other areas for a well field which we are. Additional work of the project would be decommissioning and demolition of old well and connection of new well to main, Chuck will get us a rough cost. Project duration is approximately 18 to 24 months which includes the review process with MassDEP.

Financing of project was discussed, will look into going out to borrow.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the September 10th monthly meeting, motion passed unanimously.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Somerset Water & Sewer Commissioners – Supply Well Exploration of the Segreganset River Watershed was read, attached.

Superintendent Cloonan stated he has spoken to the DEP in regards to well exploration in the area of Somerset Waters well on Brook Street. We can drill in this area, discussed further with District Council Matt Costa who will prepare a rebuttal letter to Somerset Water Commissioners.

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

On a motion made and seconded the Board voted to accept the financial reports as presented.

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

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Cloonan reported that he has purchased two mowers and a conex box.

Quote was received for rehabilitation of a second filter to be placed on the special meeting warrant. Cost is the same as the first filter that was rehabbed last year. The under drain on the first filter had issues that were repaired during rehab and believe the second filter will have the same.

The state is still in a level 3 drought. There has not been much change to the wells with the rain we've have received.

Rate study is expected to be completed by March of 2021. Waiting on results of a grant that would cover 80% of cost, district would be responsible for 20%.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bristol County Agricultural High School Project – New main is up and running. They are pretty much completed work on water for the year.

Credit Card – No discussion

Employee Policy Handbook – Review Policies – No update

NEW BUSINESS:

Special District Meeting Warrant – Review

Special District Election – Post open seat on October 15th, Election will be held on December 14th

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners – Thursday, November 5, 2020, 3:00 p.m. 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 Lach made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Tina Bragga
District Clerk


Chairman Derek Lach


Clerk Jason Quinn