

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

Derek Lach
Jason Quinn
Eric Horrocks
COMMISSIONERS
Tina Bragga
Clerk/Treasurer

THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDED
Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Chairman Derek Lach called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on December 9, 2020.

GUEST: Ken & Bob Berube – Old Williams Estates – Fees

Bob Berube explained to the Board that he and his brother Ken would like to extend the existing water line from Courtlyn Road past 1600 Old Williams Street to Ken's property at 1624 Old Williams Street. This would be an 8" main to bring it to the existing house on the property and install a stub for the future subdivision. Plan is to finish this house and sell prior to starting the subdivision. Will be 500' of main, gate valve, tee, hydrant and two plugs. One plug to continue down Old Williams and one for the tee to the Old Williams Street subdivision. Received a price of \$45,000 to do complete with loam and seeding and repairing the driveway we need to cut. Tie in fee for this subdivision will be \$50,000. The Berube's asked if they could set up a payment plan for the Water District fees until the existing house on the property is sold.

The Board had discussed with the Berube's to loop the main through John Street. This would require an easement at the back of a property owner on John Street. Chairman Lach will reach out to property owner to discuss easement. Berube stated this will be an additional 704' of water main plus valves.

The Board agreed to set up a payment plan in writing for the tie in fees.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

On a motion made and seconded the Board approve minutes of the November 5th monthly meeting, November 5th executive meeting, November 17th Public Hearing, November 17th Special District meeting and the December 2nd Tax Setting.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence

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 Jeff Cloonan reported speaking to Aquaria in regards to an emergency connection or supply with them. Aquaria owes the town of Dighton an emergency connection and to supply water

although they have not supplied up to this point. The stub connection is at our lower building on Somerset Avenue. This will be a legal issue that Aquaria will fight us on. Jeff stated we would have to make sure the water is compatible, we may have to upgrade our pumps there, we would have to get the water into our building. Estimated cost would be about \$200,000 each for Aquaria and the District.

Commissioner Jason Quinn asked if this connection is in contract. If we pursue it is it something we will use and benefit from. Jason feels this would be the third option with finding water behind a possible well off Milk Street as first option and connection to Somerset Water as second.

Chairman Lach would like to have Attorney Matt Costa review the Aquaria connection to see where we stand with an agreement for the connection.

In the process of changing out and downsizing our commercial meters. Have commitments with the schools to down size and then we will take ownership of the meters. Same with Aquaria, they will get plumber to change out meters and we will take ownership. Aiming to have all commercial meter's digital by the end of February. The District is responsible for meter's 2" and under, Jeff has suggested to commercial users to down size to the 2". The Power Plant will be the only meter in the District over 2".

The Bristol County Agricultural School meter pit was discussed. Lach asked if we could get the meter from the pit and if it is ours. Jeff will look into who owns the meter.

Currently working on safety projects at the treatment plant. Putting screens up where the chemicals are, going to try putting down anti slip flooring. Jason asked that a spec sheet be sent to him for review, has had issue with certain materials in the past. Also, in the process of painting a filter. Media replacement of the second filter is scheduled for February.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Interconnection Project will be going through. The District will be receiving our Geographic Information System Mapping from this project.

Still waiting on the rate study grant announcement. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has pushed this back because they are behind.

Treasurer Tina Bragga is working with Bond Council for the Cedar Street Replacement well loan.

Main Street water main replacement, we are waiting on the Intent for Project to start. We feel like the District will be listed. Once you are listed there's a second step for funding. We should hear more in January. Jason wants to have a back up plan in place in case this funding falls through.

Will go out for quotes on demolish of the building at Cedar 1 and main work to connect the replacement well.

Brook Street Well Exploration Project, engineer is having a hard time securing a driller. Drillers are very in demand at this time.

Taunton water compatibility test have been done we are just waiting on the results.

Upcoming projects at the plant are the Scada system, possibly upgrade some pumps in the chemical room. Will use the LMI pumps in stock before purchasing the new better pumps. Will work on the floors as previously discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bristol County Agricultural High School Project – A few buildings will be coming down soon.

NEW BUSINESS:


ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners – Tuesday, January 12th, 6:00 pm
Special District Election – Monday, December 14th from noon to 7pm

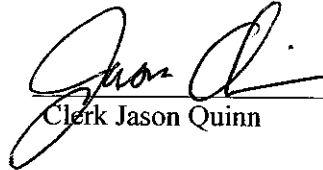
PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Lach made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Tina Bragga
District Clerk


Chairman Derek Lach


Clerk Jason Quinn

Eric Horrocks