

**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

Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Old Town Hall/Virtual Meeting

Clerk of the Board Jason Quinn called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. on April 12, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance

GUEST: Chuck Adelsberger – Environmental Partners (EP) - Project Updates
Cedar 1 Replacement Well – Sullivan Drilling has drilled the production well and they are waiting on a new screen. Screen should arrive within a few weeks, then pump test will be performed. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires a pump test to determine the capacity and water quality of the well. When this is complete, EP will prepare a well completion and pump test report to submit to DEP for their approval. Sullivan came across silky material while drilling and have suggested leaving the casing down to 24 feet to prevent this material from getting into the well. Looking to have well up and running by the spring of 2022.

Risk & Resilience Assessment (RRA) is to be completed by June 30th. Will be meeting with Superintendent Cloonan on Tuesday to gather needed information.

GUEST: Scott Medeiros & Toby Fedder – Woodard & Curran – Water Rate Study
Toby Fedder stated that they have completed the structure of the water rate model. The model was built with historical billing patterns and budgetary information from District staff. Model includes operational expenses, debt service and future operational expenses. Also included is a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) model. Woodard & Curran will present the model to the Board with an open discussion on April 20th at 10pm.

Scott Medeiros reported the District is on the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program list for the Main Street Project. Paperwork was submitted for an Earmark last week for the project also. Submitted an expression of interest for a grant program that would fund small community design efforts.

Looking to drill test wells on Brook Street by the end of April. If there is a favorable outcome, will be looking into a grant that could partially fund the purchase of the property.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

On a motion made and seconded the Board approved the minutes of the March 8th monthly and March 8th executive session meeting.

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 the leak detection survey has been completed. There were not many leaks in the District. There was a leak that was estimated to be losing 30 gallons per minute, leak has been repaired. Going forward, will have a leak detection survey performed yearly.

The treatment plant meters were calibrated recently. These meters were off 3%, this will lower our lost water numbers.

Hydrant flushing will begin April 26th. Notices were mailed to residents and will post around town closer to the start date. Flushing will begin at the treatment plant.

Will be meeting with the website designer next week. Site will take approximately 13-20 weeks to be online.

Groundwater Well Investigation near Brook Street, should be drilling test wells by the end of April. No word from Somerset Water in regards.

Woodard & Curran have submitted several grants on behalf of the Water District. Grant application was recently submitted for the design of Main Street. Trying to get an earmark, letters of support were submitted from Representative Pat Haddad, Senator Marc Pacheco, the Dighton Board of Selectmen and Superintendent Thomas Ferry.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bristol County Agricultural High School Project – Small animal building is gone.

T-Mobile Antenna Renewal – Our offer was sent to T-Mobile, waiting on their remarks.

Meter Upgrade Program – no update

Budget Fiscal 2022 – Present Draft, discuss – Will have budget finalized at the next meeting of the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) – Investing – Information was emailed to Board. Will discuss further next month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners – Thursday, May 6th, 6:00 pm

The District Annual Election will be held on May 17th from noon to 7pm at the Treatment Plant

The Annual District meeting will be May 27th at 7pm.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Leonard Hull 760 Main Street, Dighton. – Mr. Hull asked when papers to run for Water Commissioner need to be in by. Chairman Quinn stated that the deadline has already passed.

Mr. Hull also questioned when the Main Street survey would be completed. Superintendent Jeff Cloonan stated that the Towns survey is complete. The District does not have a date for the survey at this time. The Engineers are looking at grants for this project but also know that timing of this project is important. Mr. Hull stated there is a Sidewalk Improvement Project going on Main Street. Commissioner Quinn stated the District is trying to work hand and hand with the Town. The Main Street Water Main Project is estimated at four million dollars.

Executive Session:

Board of Commissioners voted to enter into executive session at 7:20pm under the provisions of Chapter 30A Section 21 (a) (3). Roll call was taken. Meeting will not return to open session.

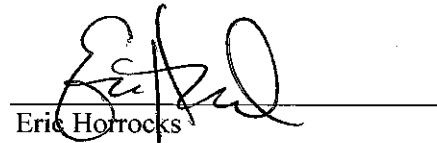
ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Lach made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
District Clerk


Chairman Derek Lach


Clerk Jason Quinn


Eric Horrocks