

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
Meeting on October 27, 2009

Present: Chairman Donald Bates, Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh, Clerk Danette Gonsalves, Superintendent Craig Wiegand, Secretary Kelly Springer, Chris Our from the R.B. Our Company, Mark White of Environmental Partners

Chairman Donald Bates called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

The minutes for the previous meeting held on September 29, 2009 were approved with a motion by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh and seconded by Clerk Gonsalves; 3-0-0.

Superintendent Wiegand began the meeting by updating the Board on Kelly Springer's resignation as Principal Clerk with the Harwich Water Department. Kelly's last day of employment is Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2009. Superintendent Wiegand also brought up the possibility of a 3 year wage freeze for town employees making more than \$50K annually.

Comptroller, Sandra Cummings, reviewed the annual budget with the Board and the Commissioners all signed an internal adjustment form.

The Board then reviewed the abatement request from Nancy Andreson of 35 Cross Street in regards to a late fee. Upon review and discussion, the Board voted not to abate the late fee from the account; 3-0-0. A letter will be sent to Ms. Andreson addressing the Board's decision.

Mark White of Environmental Partners addressed the Board in regards to the new treatment facility progress. The design of the treatment plant is projected to be complete in December 2009. Mark White also discussed EVP decision to decrease costs in regards to engineering work with the Harwich Water Department. EVP's new lowered rates will now be more competitive with some of the other engineering firms the Department has decided to work with.

The Board next met with Paul Widegren of the Open Space Committee regarding the possible purchase of 39 acres of land belonging to the Fratus family. By purchasing this parcel of land, the Open Space Committee will be able to preserve the land surrounding the aquifer. Mr. Widegren will keep the Board updated on the progress of this purchase.

In conclusion to the meeting, Superintendent Wiegand informed the Board of the Department's decision to not include condominiums in the Service Tight Plan. He also asked for the Board's recommendation on how to address the problem of account transfer requests coming in under the minimum time frame required. The Board recommended that a letter be sent to the real estate agencies as well as the closing attorneys reminding them of our policy and asking for their help in keeping to the policy guide lines. Superintendent Wiegand also suggested that the Department look into a rehab of the Route 39 water tank rather than a repair due to the high cost. The Department has also decided to put the purchase of the excavator on hold until further notice. Water main projects will continue to go out to bid. The Flagmen program with the Department is also on temporary hold until further discussion with the

Harwich Police Department takes place. The Board of Selectmen would also like to discuss the possibility of installing a wind turbine at Site 10. This turbine would be able to provide energy for most of the town's needs and the Water Department would receive a portion of the \$50K lease for use of the property.

November Board meetings will take place on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. with a motion by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh and seconded by Clerk Gonsalves; 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donald T. Bates, Chairman

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Craig Wiegand, Superintendent

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George Cavanaugh, Vice Chairman

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Kelly Springer, Secretary

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Danette Gonsalves, Clerk