

Harwich Water Department

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting on March 9, 2010

Present: Chairman Donald Bates, Vice Chairman Allin Thompson, Clerk Danette Gonsalves, Superintendent Craig Wiegand, Secretary Alexandra Nidositko

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

The minutes for the previous meeting held on February 23, 2010 were approved with a motion by Clerk Gonsalves and seconded by Vice Chairman Thompson; 3-0-0.

Superintendent Wiegand said he would like to award the contract for the Bruce Cahoon Treatment Facility to the lowest bidder. For the record he read aloud all of the bids, they are as follows: Northern Paving, \$361,200; Oliveira Construction \$273,802; Bortolotti Construction \$194,952; I.W. Harding \$587,601; Green Acres \$339,995; Jones Contracting \$344,680; C.C. Construction \$392,370; Blue Diamond \$347,475; and Robert Our \$526,500. Mr. Wiegand asked the Board to accept Bortolotti Construction's low bid. Vice Chairman Thompson moved to accept Bortolotti Construction's low bid with a second by Clerk Danette Gonsalves; 3-0-0.

Chairman Bates said he ran into a resident at the grocery store who said he heard the Board of Water Commissioners would be increasing to a 5 member Board. Mr. Bates said he was surprised by this because he had no knowledge of this. He asked the Board for their thoughts on the subject. Mr. Thompson said he suggested it at his interview. He said he mentioned it in regard to the future when the Department becomes water and sewer. Mr. Thompson said he thinks it is a good idea as the Department grows. Mr. Wiegand said the Charter would have to be amended, and it would have to be voted at Town Meeting. He said it would be at least five years before waste water happens in Harwich. Mr. Bates said that for the last 35 years things have been going well, and he doesn't see any need for change. He feels that a 3 member Board is more than able to manage the Department's budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m. with a motion by Clerk Gonsalves with a second by Vice Chairman Thompson; 3-0-0.

Chairman Bates called the Public Hearing to order to establish water rate and fee increases as written. For the record no one was in attendance. Clerk Gonsalves moved to adjourn the Public hearing and reconvene the Board of Water Commissioner's meeting at 8:45 a.m. with a second by Vice Chairman Thompson; 3-0-0.

Vice Chairman Thompson moved to accept the water rate and fee increases as written with a second by Clerk Gonsalves; 3-0-0.

The Board will meet again on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 and April 6, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m. with a motion by Vice Chairman Thompson and seconded by Clerk Gonsalves; 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald T. Bates, Chairman

Craig Wiegand, Superintendent

Allin P. Thompson, Vice Chairman

Alexandra Nidositko, Secretary

Danette Gonsalves, Clerk