

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING ON April 14, 2009

Present: Chairman Donald Bates, Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh, Clerk Danette Gonsalves, Superintendent Craig Wiegand, Secretary Kelly Springer

Chairman Donald Bates called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

The minutes for the previous meeting held on March 24, 2009 were approved with a motion by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh and seconded by Clerk Gonsalves; 3-0-0.

Superintendent Wiegand began the meeting with a brief review of the memo to the Planning Board regarding the requirements necessary for the property located at 457 Lower County Road. Also briefly reviewed was the article for the May town meeting regarding the financing for the Greensand Treatment Facility.

The board was next updated on a meter tampering case for account # 9593, Mr. John Sager located at 27 Harbor View Road in Harwich Port. We were first alerted of a problem when we responded to a low consumption reading. It was at this time that Mr. Sager admitted to removing the meter when he discovered a problem with his hot water tank and then reinstalling the meter backwards. Upon review of this case, the board agreed to issue a fine to Mr. Sager for the meter tampering of \$100.00. A letter will be sent to Mr. Sager with the board's findings as well as an invoice for the replacement of the damaged meter, the labor involved as well as the tampering fee.

The board then discussed the upcoming legal ad in the Cape Cod Chronicle regarding the modified fees which will be effective as of May 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be two consecutive ads in the Chronicle alerting the public to the fee changes during the weeks of April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup>. The board will re-convene on May 12<sup>th</sup> for the open hearing on the fee changes.

Superintendent Wiegand also briefly discussed the contracting out of the Backflow program to the Sarian Company. He informed the board that the fees involved will cover the cost of the program, in turn, paying for itself without loss of hours or money to employees of the department. Superintendent Wiegand also informed the board of the case dismissal for Mr. Allan Campbell of Sea Street. The Case is now officially closed.

The board was introduced to Paul Costello and Jason Federico of Polaris. Their engineering firm was brought in as potential project leaders for upcoming work for the department. Mr. Costello was previously the operations director for SEA and has over 30 years experience in this field. Jason Federico

has over 15 years experience in this field in addition to his current work history with the water department, specializing in GIS. Polaris has the advantage of less overhead and expenses in comparison to other firms in their field which should allow for very competitive pricing as well as better client service. The board voted to require three separate quotes for all future construction and engineering projects before a decision is made. The motion for this requirement was made by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh and seconded by Clerk Gonsalves; 3-0-0.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am.

On a motion by Chairman Bates and seconded by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh, the board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:05am; 3-0-0.