

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON: September 22, 2008

Present: Chairman Donald T. Bates, Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh, Clerk Danette Gonsalves, Superintendent Craig Wiegand, Secretary Wellesley Marsh.

Clerk Danette Gonsalves called the meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m.

Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, the motion was seconded by Clerk Danette Gonsalves; 3-0-0.

Superintendent Wiegand reported to the Board that the Giardia complaint brought by Mr. Robert Fitzgerald does not involve our department because the source of the Giardia was unrelated to our drinking water.

Upon discussion for a request by the Harwich Ecumenical Council for the Homeless to waive the connection fee for affordable housing units at 916 Route 28, the Board voted to waive the tapping and connection fee, but will require the HECH to pay for the water meters. On a motion made by Mr. Cavanaugh, and seconded by Mrs. Gonsalves, the Board voted in favor; 3-0-0.

Mr. Wiegand reported to the Board that a Request for Proposals would need to be reissued for the Wireless Telecommunication Facility. There will be a pre-meeting to discuss revisions and clarifications of the RFP requirements before it is re-issued.

Mr. Wiegand met with the Capital Outlay Committee to discuss the water main project and the possibility of changing the water department into a water district. Mr. Wiegand expressed his interest to the Town Administrator in working with Highway Department for the main project. There were concerns raised about land tax and a potential imbalance with the water table if the department turned into a water district. There would also be the possibility of an incentive for the Town's budget if the change took place. There will be further discussion to follow regarding the ongoing water main improvement project and the subject of turning the water department into a water district.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 8:15 a.m.

On a motion by Clerk Danette Gonsalves and a second by Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting; 3-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald T Bates, Chairman

Craig Wiegand, Superintendent

George Cavanaugh, Vice Chairman Wellesley Marsh, Secretary

Danette Gonsalves, Clerk