

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
Meeting on September 29, 2009

Present: Chairman Donald Bates, Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh, Superintendent Craig Wiegand, Secretary Kelly Springer, Chris Our from the R.B. Our Company, Clerk Danette Gonsalves (arrived late at 8:35 a.m.)

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

The minutes for the previous meeting held on September 15, 2009 were approved with a motion by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh and seconded by Chairman Bates; 2-0-0.

Superintendent Wiegand began the meeting with a fiscal update. Increased rainfall this year led to less water use throughout town; approximately \$120K less than last year. The Department will also be postponing the purchase of the excavator intended for water main work for 1 year. Water main projects will continue to go to bid until this piece of equipment is purchased. An estimated \$300K will remain in the budget for water main projects. The use of our department's employees as Flagmen will also be postponed until the contract is up with the Harwich Police Department. Superintendent Wiegand also updated the Board on the purchase of additional shoring equipment as well as safety equipment for the technicians to work during evening/night hours.

The Board completed discussion on the recent RFR for engineering work with the Department. After review, the three selected companies chosen by the Board were Polaris Consultants, On Site Engineering and Haley and Ward. Award letters will be sent to these three agencies. Environmental Partners will complete the ongoing project of the treatment facility. The Board voted in favor of the three selected companies by a vote of 2-0-0.

The Board next met with Dick Thomas of the Trail Committee regarding use of Thompson's Field parking lot off of Rte 39 for parking to access to the bike path. The Trail Committee would like to put a packed path from the parking lot to the bike trail, approximately 800' in length. The concern of overuse and additional unauthorized trails being made led to the proposed idea to also install a split rail fence along the length of the path to ensure walkers and bikers stay within the designated area. Further discussion between the Trails Committee and the Water Department will need to take place before a decision can be reached.

In conclusion, Superintendent Wiegand informed the Board that the stream flow test results at Site 10 are being analyzed and put into a spreadsheet for review at the next Board meeting. The next meetings will be scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th and Tuesday, October 27th.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donald T. Bates, Chairman

Craig Wiegand, Superintendent

George Cavanaugh, Vice Chairman

Kelly Springer, Secretary

Danette Gonsalves, Clerk