

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON: April 10, 2007

Present: Chairman Donald T. Bates, Clerk George Cavanaugh, Secretary Kelly Byrnes, Superintendent Craig Wiegand

Meeting called to order at 8:20 am.

Motion made by George Cavanaugh to approve minutes from meeting held on Tuesday, March 27, 2007. Motion was seconded by Chairman Donald Bates.

Motion made by Chairman Bates to approve abatement. Motion was seconded by George Cavanaugh.

Barry Worth from the Utility and Energy Commission came before the Board to discuss proposals that might save the Department money on electrical rates. Mr. Worth also works for and represents Cape Light Compact, a company which offers an energy efficiency program for the towns of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. After reviewing these proposals from three electrical companies, Mr. Worth did have some concerns. Before committing to these companies, he recommended that we further research these company's termination fees, add-on fees, and rate changes that could potentially affect their going rate. Mr. Worth mentioned that these issues aren't noted anywhere within the proposals and the Department could potentially end up spending more money overall. With Cape Light Compact, there are no additional fees and rates remain steady. Mr. Worth explained that he would look over these proposals in further depth and present his final recommendations at a later date.

An update was given regarding Mr. Campbell on Sea Street. Superintendent Wiegand explained he had not heard back from Town Counsel with their recommendations. Mr. Campbell has already begun repairs on his property. Chairman Bates inquired as to who was paying for these repairs. Superintendent Wiegand explained that Mr. Campbell is currently paying for charges for work done at his property.

Superintendent Wiegand gave an update as to the purchasing of four (4) air purifiers for the Department. The cost to purchase these is roughly \$450.00 per unit. After thorough research of different brands and per consumer confidence reports, Superintendent Wiegand suggested the most beneficial units are those that have the ion-exchange filters that are self cleaning, versus filters that would need to be replaced regularly at additional costs. Chairman Donald Bates made a motion to approve request. Motion was seconded by George Cavanaugh. Unanimous vote to approve.

The May meeting dates are scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2007 and May 22, 2007.

A discussion took place regarding a former employee. This employee was denied his unemployment and is currently appealing that decision.

George Cavanaugh made a motion that the meeting go into an executive session to discuss a disciplinary matter. Unanimous vote to approve.

Motion was made by George Cavanaugh to resume scheduled meeting and agenda. Unanimous vote to approve.

Motion to adjourn made by George Cavanaugh. Motion was seconded by Chairman Bates.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007.

Donald T Bates, Chairman

Craig Wiegand, Superintendent

Danette Gonsalves, Vice Chairman

Kelly Byrnes, Secretary

George Cavanaugh, Clerk