

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON April 28, 2009

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

Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

The minutes for the previous meeting held on April 14, 2009 were approved with a motion by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh and seconded by Clerk Gonsalves; 3-0-0.

The meeting began with an appointment with Account #1506 regarding the property at 64 Smith Street. The ownership of this property was in question as well as the actions to be taken regarding a possible leak. The board met with Cindy, a woman who has been using the horse barn at this property on verbal permission from the owner, Jill Lombardo. Cindy was concerned that the water was to be turned off due to non payment from the homeowner, and she expressed concern for the welfare of the horses and other animals currently living there. The property owner, Jill Lombardo, upon speaking with the water department, denied ownership of this property and has not taken any steps to pay on the account. The board decided to look further into this matter and Vice Chairman Cavanaugh was going to continue to investigate ownership of the property. The water will remain on at 64 Smith St and the property will have a lien placed on it until payment is received from homeowner.

The board next reviewed the following four (4) abatements:

1. Account #1729 Brian McCusker at 42 Archibald Circle
Mr. McCuskers' property had significant water loss due to a burst kitchen pipe over the winter. The board denied abatement and offered to set up a payment plan; 3-0-0.
2. Account #5839 Bruce Likely at 22 Blueberry Lane
Mr. Liklys' property incurred some water loss over the winter due to a burst pipe in an outdoor shower. The board denied abatement and offered to set up a payment plan; 3-0-0.
3. Account #6001 and #6004 Richard Prince at 1 Belmont Rd
Mr. Princes' two units both received a \$50 late fee due to the water bill being mailed to an old address. The board agreed to abate one late fee due to Mr. Prince making attempts to update his information at the town hall; 3-0-0.
4. Account #2486 Bryan Gibson at 12 Mark Lane
Mr. Gibson received a \$50 late fee on his account for late payment. He was issued a late fee notice thirty days after the bill was due and did not incur the late fee until another 30 days from the written warning. He had 60 days to pay on the account before the late fee was added. The board denied abatement for the applied late fee; 3-0-0.

Superintendent Wiegand next gave the board a brief review of the upcoming changes being made to water rates and fees. These changes will be effective as of May 15th 2009. The board will be having an open hearing to the public regarding these changes on May 12th 2009 at 8:15 at the Harwich Water Department.

The service installation fees for the new Harwich Fire Station on Sisson Road were requested to be waived. The board voted to waive these fees; 3-0-0.

Superintendent Wiegand also gave a brief overview regarding the property of Alex Thompson on Pine Knoll Road. Mr. Thompson will be meeting with the board on May 12th regarding the new water main installed on that road. The board will need to discuss with Mr. Thompson the benefits of switching all water services on that road onto the new 8" water main rather than continuing to use the existing 2" main currently in place.

The board was informed of the upcoming gathering at the Harwich Community Center for a town wide memorial for Bruce Cahoon. The memorial will be from 2-3pm and will be open to all town employees as well as the public. Superintendent Wiegand also discussed the future plans regarding Bruce's old position as Assistant Superintendent. The department would like to hire two (2) full time laborers in place of a new Assistant Superintendent. The board voted in favor of this request; 3-0-0.

The water department also requested the board vote in favor of naming the new treatment facility in Bruce's honor. This request was approved by the board 3-0-0.

The board next met with Steve Olson and Mark White of Environmental Partners regarding the planning costs for the new treatment facility. EP reviewed with the board the detailed layout for the facility as well as any requirements needed for HWD department staff. The board discussed making an appointment to visit the Town of Dennis facility to have a better idea of what is involved.

The next board meetings will be on Tuesday, May 12th and Tuesday, May 26th at 8:15am at the Water Department.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh and seconded by Clerk Gonsalves, the board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:25am; 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald T Bates, Chairman

Craig Wiegand, Superintendent

George Cavanaugh, Vice Chairman

Kelly Springer, Secretary

Danette Gonsalves, Clerk

