

Harwich Water Department

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting on January 5, 2010

Present: Chairman Donald Bates, Clerk Danette Gonsalves, Superintendent Craig Wiegand, Secretary Alexandra Nidositko

Chairman Donald Bates called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

The minutes for the previous meeting held on December 22, 2009 were approved with a motion by Clerk Gonsalves and seconded by Chairman Bates; 2-0-0.

Superintendent Wiegand informed the Board that the interviews for the vacant Water Commissioner seat would be taking place at the Tuesday, January 19, 2010 Selectmen's meeting. He said all candidates must submit resumes to Town Hall by Friday, January 8, 2010. He asked Secretary Nidositko to contact each candidate and let them know.

Water Commissioner Candidate Gerald Beltis was present at the meeting. He introduced himself and gave a brief accounting of his experience.

Mr. Wiegand summarized the ongoing discussions over the Fratus property. He feels the Water Department should petition for a water withdrawal increase now with the potential of Chatham installing a well. He said the Town Administrator conveyed that a deal was back on the table. Mr. Wiegand feels there are only two viable options which are either to sell Chatham water or to venture into a joint treatment plant. Some of his concerns are with the location of Chatham's Waste Water Plant. Studies show that mounding could occur and penetrate out in all directions. As a result Zone 2 could draw in some of these contaminants.

Mr. Wiegand discussed the possibility of using flagmen at work sites rather than a police detail. He is looking into establishing a pool of 15-25 men and providing them with the necessary training. He said the rate would be \$15 per hour and he would use 2 flagmen per job. This would save \$10 per hour. He has discussed this with the Highway Department, who would be interested in sharing the pool with us. Between the Water Department and the Highway Department the cost of police details is \$65,000 per year.

The Board will meet again on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, February 9, 2010 and February 23, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. with a motion by Chairman Bates and seconded by Clerk Gonsalves; 2-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald T. Bates, Chairman

Craig Wiegand, Superintendent

Danette Gonsalves, Clerk

Alexandra Nidositko, Secretary