



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

**Cotuit Fire District**

**Water Department**

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05/17/2017

The monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at Freedom Hall at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Ted Barnicle, Commissioner Don Campbell and Commissioner Vic Mastro were present as was Superintendent, Chris Wiseman.

Also in attendance was Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m and was opened to public comment. There were no public comments and Commissioner Campbell took this opportunity to recognize Chairman Barnicle's contributions to the district during his past 12 years of service and thanked him for his service as he retires from his position as Commissioner this year.

Public comment concluded.

The superintendent gave the water quality report, noting that there have been no total coliform hits and MTBE's will be done in June. Nitrate and Nitrite samples were taken on Monday and the results will be available for next month's report.

Monthly Pumpage Results is as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>+/-</u>
April	11,551,000	12,579,000	-1,028,000

There were 0 replacement services and 4 new services in April.

Superintendent Wiseman noted that the flushing program continues, is moving along quickly, and should be completed by the end of May, a full month ahead of schedule.

The water department has been notified by MassDEP that the drought advisory has been lifted and the conservation signs will be removed from the village for the time being.

Superintendent Wiseman also notified the board that we have received the first payment for Net Metering Credits from CVEC in the amount of \$1,645.50 which represents 3 months of credits net of service fees.

Russ Kleekamp of GHD Engineering updated the commissioners on the ongoing projects with GHD. The Main Street tank demolition was completed on 5/16/17. All three cell carriers have been relocated to the COWs and sub-leases are in process. Centerline has begun their site survey and will be sending a package to the Town of Barnstable and Cape Cod Commission for review. There is some residual water main work to be completed by Friday and a short punch-list of things to wrap up the West St. Tank project.

CommTract has marked out locations in the well-field for the Fiber Optic cable and should be able to start the installation next week.

The first reimbursement of approximately \$69,000 from USDA grant funding was received in February and the second reimbursement for approximately \$175,000 is pending. That leaves \$240,000 remaining for the tank and security system work.

The restoration plan for the Main Street Tank site will be implemented in the fall of 2017.

Zak Farkes from Borrego Solar was not in attendance and there is no update on the solar project at this time.

Commissioner Mastro reviewed the standardized job description for the field operator position and the board approve moving forward with the creation of other PD's in the same format for the remainder of the department positions. Once completed the commissioners will assign job ratings and pay scales appropriate for each position.

The commissioners reviewed the warrant articles for the upcoming annual meeting. Commissioner Campbell will present article 10 (operating budget) and Commissioner Barnicle will present article 11 (Station Upgrades).

Commissioner Mastro discussed the by-law article specific to basic use fees which requires that they are used for capital improvements for the water department and are not currently being accounted for that way. He also discussed the need for a Forestry Fund based on the recommendations of the stewardship review. He will meet with the treasurer to discuss both funds.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, June 21st at 6:00pm at Freedom Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donald Campbell, Commissioner

Cc: Prudential Committee