

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 13, 2012

Mr. McLaughlin announced that an audio recording was being made of this meeting.

A meeting of the Dedham-Westwood Water Commission was convened at 7:10 p.m. at the District offices located at 50 Elm Street, Dedham. A quorum was not present for this meeting. Present were Jim Galvin, Rob McLaughlin, Robert Blume, Bob Eiben, Eileen Commene and John McCulloch. Mike Thornton, Steve Locke and Stephanie Costa were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The approval of the minutes for the February 28, 2012 meeting was deferred.

FINANCIAL

Warrants and checks were signed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Pumpage Reports

Mr. Eiben presented the pumpage reports for the periods ending March 4 and March 11.

Main & Service Leak Report

There were no leaks to report since the last meeting. Mr. Eiben reported that since DEP is no longer accepting estimations for unaccounted for, our unaccounted for came in at 21%. He explained a method that was suggested by Ms. Commene that reduced it by 1% to 20%. This does reflect a 5% drop from last year.

Overtime Report

Mr. Eiben reviewed an email from Attorney John Woodard summarizing the meeting regarding pay for Distribution Department employees during night construction project work. Mr. Eiben explained that Mr. Woodard felt that the District had acted properly in following the language in the union contract regarding rates of pay. He suggested that the Board include wording that addresses working at night at the next contract negotiation which will begin in about 18 months. Mr. McLaughlin asked Mr. Eiben to work on the new language.

Annual Performance Reviews

The Board deferred the discussion on annual performance reviews until the next meeting.

Walnut Street Tank – Small Claims Suit

Mr. Eiben stated that a small claims suit has been filed in Barnstable District Court by Walter Sybertz regarding the Walnut Street property. Mr. McLaughlin did not feel an attorney was necessary in this case. Ms. Commene and Mr. Eiben will represent the District at this hearing on May 9th.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

128 MBTA Parking Garage

Ms. Commane reported on a meeting held yesterday with representatives from the MBTA and LAZ Parking regarding the 128 University Ave Parking Garage. The MBTA has committed to meeting at least once year and have given us written commitments which include storm water provisions which affect us and other issues that affect the town. The incident with the sewer backup in July has put them into some type of non-compliance with the DEP which requires them to do deliverables or face fines.

Access Fees

The Board deferred the annual review of access fees until the next meeting.

Well Redevelopment Bid

Ms. Commane presented the bids for well redevelopment and recommended awarding the contract to Dennis Maher Company. Mr. McLaughlin questioned the bid amounts which showed Dennis Maher Company at \$85,335, the other bid from Maher Services at \$147,750 and then Dennis Maher's bid appears as \$143,180 on the bid tabulation sheet and in the draft motion to award the contract. Ms. Commane explained that in the bid from Dennis Maher he used last year's bid quantities in the \$85,335 bid sheet and then submitted a corrected bid sheet using the correct unit prices in his \$143,180 bid. Mr. McLaughlin questioned if the corrected bid was submitted timely. Ms. Commane stated it was timely but his bid bond was based on the incorrect bid. The Board agreed to reject both bids and to rebid the contract.

Fluoride Grant

Ms. Commane stated that we received a grant in the amount of \$16,000 for fluoride equipment. The grant will be used to purchase reagent free fluoride auto analyzers.

Landscaping Contract

Ms. Commane stated proposals were received from Colantonio, who is the present landscaper, and Ian Brown Landscaping in response to our request for quotes for landscaping. The successful bidder was Ian Brown Landscaping.

OLD BUSINESS

OPEB Fund

This issue was deferred for discussion until the next meeting.

Easement Relocation Request – Weatherbee Estates

Ms. Commane stated that the engineer contacted us and sent a sketch of the proposed easement which we have no problem with. She explained that we tried to locate the existing asbestos-cement (AC) pipe but where we located the pipe was not in our easement. Since AC pipe is not easy to locate, the engineer is going to note that it is the approximate location.

Energy Contract

Mr. Thornton reviewed his memo regarding potential savings related to renewal of an energy contract with Constellation NewEnergy. Mr. McLaughlin asked that Mr. Thornton provide the current market rate at the next meeting.

Leak Detection

Mr. Galvin questioned when the leak detection survey was scheduled to begin. Mr. Eiben stated we are waiting for approval from the state to use one of the MWRA contracts for leak detection under the grant we received. The MWRA has rebid their leak detection contract and awarded the contract to three companies that you can choose from. Mr. Eiben explained that he would like to avoid using the logger type leak detection because it is too time consuming.

March Meetings

The next meeting will be held on March 27th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.