

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 17, 2012

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rob McLaughlin at 7:00 p.m. at the District offices located at 50 Elm Street, Dedham. Present were Jim Galvin, Ken Bragg, Joe Carter, Steve Mammone, Robert Blume, Bob Eiben, Eileen Commene and John McCulloch. Mike Thornton and Bob Lexander were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of February 28, 2012 were unanimously approved, with Mr. Carter and Mr. Mammone abstaining. The minutes for the meeting of March 27, 2012 were unanimously approved, with Mr. Galvin abstaining.

FINANCIAL

Warrants and checks were signed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Pumpage Reports

Mr. Eiben presented the pumpage reports for the periods ending April 1 and April 15. He suggested implementing a voluntary two day a week water restriction due to the lack of rainfall in recent months. He explained that the Fox Hill tank and Well #5 were both out of service for maintenance/repair which was adding to the supply being stressed. The pumpage on April 15th went over 4M and water had to be purchased from the MWRA to refill the tanks. Mr. McLaughlin asked that the Board be provided a summary of the various stages of water restrictions, the penalties and how a state declared drought advisory would affect the District for review at the next meeting. Ms. Commene stated the public will be advised of the restriction with signs, the website, cable television, newspaper releases and a notice to town officials.

Main & Service Leak Report

Mr. Eiben reported that there were two 8" main breaks in Westwood and one service leak in Dedham so far this month.

Annual Performance Reviews

The annual performance reviews and awarding of management bonuses will be discussed at the May 15 meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Task Order – Well Redevelopment

Ms. Commene stated that at the meeting of March 13th the Board directed her to rebid the contract for well redevelopment because of an issue with one of the bidders using the wrong bid sheet. She reviewed the new bids and indicated that the low bidder was Maher Services. She explained that Maher Services was not licensed to use the AquaFreed method we prefer and proposed a substitute method which the District does not find acceptable. Ms. Commene and Mr. Eiben had a conference call with a lawyer from the Attorney General's Office who felt comfortable with us awarding the contract to the next highest bidder once we confirm that the low bidder cannot do the AquaFreed method outlined in the bid specifications. Mr. McLaughlin stated if the bid is rejected that Ms. Commene identify the grounds for the bid being rejected and to document the process in case there is a challenge. Mr. Carter moved that That the Board of Water Commissioners vote to enter into an agreement with the firm of Denis L. Maher Company of Ayer, Massachusetts for the sum of \$111440.00 to rehabilitate 8 wells. The work will consist of pulling the pump and motor at each well for inspection, testing the existing specific capacity of the wells, videotaping the wells, and surging, cleaning and redeveloping wells to restore diminished yield caused primarily by mineral deposition, seconded by Mr. Galvin. Voted unanimously.

May Meetings

The meetings for the month of May will be held on the 15th and 29th.

OLD BUSINESS

2011 Audit

Mr. Thornton reported that the audit field work had been completed and a draft should be available for review within the next few weeks.

Mr. Carter moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Blume. Voted unanimously.

DEDHAM-WESTWOOD WATER COMMISSION
LIST OF DOCUMENTS
April 17, 2012

1. February 28 and March 27, 2012 Minutes
3. Pumpage reports for the periods ending April 1 and April 15