

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners held at the department administrative offices, 605 West Queen Street, Southington, Connecticut, on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. A recording of this meeting can be found at the Department office.

1.) CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Superintendent Douglas Arndt. A quorum was determined by the Superintendent.

PRESENT: Commissioner Erika Pocock, Commissioner Robert Berkmoes, Commissioner Ralph Warner, Commissioner Thomas Murphy, Superintendent Douglas Arndt, Assistant Superintendent Albert Fiorillo, Office Supervisor Maria Nason, Recording Secretary Angela Pascariello, and William Casarella.

2.) ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Superintendent Arndt gave both parties the opportunity to caucus.

Superintendent Arndt opened nominations for President. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to nominate Commissioner Berkmoes for President. Commissioner Pocock seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. Nominations for President were closed. There was no discussion. The motion for election was passed on a voice vote.

Superintendent Arndt opened nominations for Vice President. Commissioner Warner made a motion to nominate Commissioner Pocock for Vice-President. Commissioner Berkmoes seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. Nominations for Vice President were closed. There was no discussion. The motion for election was passed on a voice vote.

Superintendent Arndt opened nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to nominate Commissioner Cabata as Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Warner seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer were closed. There was no discussion. The motion for election was passed on a voice vote.

President Robert Berkmoes assumes the Chair:

3.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 14, 2021, BOARD MEETING:

Commissioner Warner made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. His motion was seconded by Vice President Pocock. No comments on the motion. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

4.) COMMUNICATIONS:

a.) Communication from the Public:

None

b.) Communication from Administration:

Superintendent Arndt informed the board that Dish Network expressed interest in becoming an additional communication carrier on the cell tower site on Mill St Tank. Proposals are currently being evaluated.

Superintendent Arndt stated that the Well 8 rehab is underway.

c.) Communication from Board Members:

Commissioner Pocock stated that she was honored to serve as President these past two years and was proud of the projects that were completed. She is excited for the next two years.

5.) NEW BUSINESS:

a.) Board of Water Commissioner Meeting Schedule for 2022

Superintendent Arndt presented the proposed Board of Water Commissioner meeting schedule for 2022. The meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month starting at 6 pm. Commissioner Warner made a motion to accept the 2022 meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Vice President Pocock and was passed by a voice vote.

b.) Stonebridge Crossing – Water Main Extension

Owner Paul Bowman and Engineer Thomas Knowlton presented a plan for an 8" water main extension (1,247 linear feet) on Clark St Extension, South, into Cheshire along Dickerman Road. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to accept the plan as presented. Vice President Pocock seconded the motion and it passed by a voice vote.

6.) FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a.) Review of Water Billings & Outstanding Jobbing Bills & Approval of Invoices:

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to accept the listed invoices for payment as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warner and was passed on a voice vote.

b.) Review of Financial Statements:

No comments.

7.) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

Vice President Pocock made a motion to move Item 9. Personal Matters and Item 10. Executive session to be heard after Item 7. Commissioner Warner seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

9.) PERSONNEL MATTERS:

Superintendent Arndt notified the Board that Maria Nason, Office Supervisor, submitted her resignation effective February 5th, 2022.

10.) EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED FOR PERSONNEL AND NEGOTIATION MATTERS:

Commissioner Murphy made a motion for adjournment to Executive Session, barring the public and the press but to include Superintendent Arndt, Assistant Superintendent Fiorillo and William Casarella. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warner, and it passed on a voice vote at 6:12 p.m.

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to reconvene back to Regular Session at 6:53 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warner, and it passed on a voice vote.

Commissioner Warner left the meeting at 6:53pm.

8.) OLD BUSINESS:

a.) Manganese Pilot Study:

The presentation originally scheduled for this meeting by Wright- Pierce has been rescheduled to the next board meeting.

b.) Property Purchase:

President Pocock signed the contract to purchase property at 125 Robert Porter Road. The Department has until November 21st to identify adverse environmental conditions and advise the seller. The Department hired HRP to follow up on the Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports from the year 2000 and to conduct a site visit. HRP found site conditions consistent with previous Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports.

c.) **Well 10 Construction:**

The driller is down to design depth. Weston and Sampson is designing the screen and it should be on site within 4-6 weeks. Once the screen is installed, SB Church will begin developing the well. The treatment building design is in its final stages with an expected bid date of March 2022.

d.) **Well 9 Diversion Permit:**

Response to comments from DEEP are due this Friday, November 12th. Superintendent Arndt is hopeful that approval of the permit will be received by the end of 2021 or early 2022.

e.) **Valley Water-Shuttle Meadow Water Main:**

The purchase agreement for the Shuttle Meadow water main has been signed by both parties. Taps have been completed and we now have a physical connection to the VWS main. Field work to finalize the disconnection of the line on Shuttle Meadow Place is still being coordinated. The closing date is expected to be end of November or early December. The Department will realize 27 new customers.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. No votes were taken.

Attest:



Douglas Arndt, Superintendent