

**Dighton Water District
192 Williams St.
No. Dighton, Ma 02764**

**Sue Medeiros
Paul Joly
Paul Pacheco**

COMMISSIONERS

**Carol A. Stevens
TREASURER**

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A meeting of the Dighton Water District Commissioners was held at the District office at 2:00 PM. Chairman of the Board, Sue Medeiros called the meeting to order.

Sue Medeiros "First on agenda discussing bids with bidders. First on agenda, David Woods. David originally bid then came in with bid hourly." David "I was asked to." Sue "The other two were broken down by hourly for them too, if they're not all hourly you're discriminating." Carol "Now all three have hourly." Sue "Dave you've worked with these girls for a while there." David "Many years I've worked with them." Sue "I know when I was treasurer you were working with Mary, Assistant Collector, balancing stuff like that. Since we had an audit a few years back and I wasn't here for that, neither was Paul a couple of things came up that they're doing things a little differently now. We meet with Diane Dziura, Tina & I did and the other Districts. My thinking from being on the Municipal side of it at the Town Hall, we bring someone in for example someone like yourself or somebody with your type of background to do the day to day stuff that they need monthly. Reports, whatever they need for you to help with, we're working with a system called Gateway. You're under contract to do this as needed. They know what they need, we don't know what they need. Should be done here, come in if they needed something, you would get your hourly rate that you bid. My opinion is bring somebody in that does this. Diane Dziura said she feels every 3 to 5 years is more than enough time to do an audit. I don't think it makes sense if somebody working with the girls doing the day to day be that person doing the audit." David "You're absolutely right, then the auditor is auditing the auditor doesn't make any sense." Sue "Whether that be 3 years or 5 years we go out to bid for a CPA or whoever it might be to come in to audit what you guys have done, I think that's the cleanest way." Paul Joly "It is." Sue "Then there's no this persons auditing their own stuff. I think that's one of the things that came up to the last group that was here with you." David "The question was raised by a selectmen of all people. I saw the latest audit report that went out of Broadway in Taunton, they started with my

numbers, I read the whole thing basically followed my audit program for five times the money."

Donnie Jefferson knocked on door "I've got to get going so I'm just leaving you this here, this is stuff on the fire line stuff. This is the new valve we installed. This is the old line we don't use that valve." Sue "What's this?" Donnie "Tony Roderick's coming in." Paul Joly "We're not going to make any decisions." Sue "We're going to listen to him." Donnie "But my recommendation would be to repair this whole line back to here because this is old two line and is going to be a problem if you just patch it up." Paul Joly "Alright." Sue "Okay great thanks" Donnie "Thank you." Donnie left.

Paul Pacheco came in "Are we in executive? Then why do we have the doors closed?" Carol Stevens "Because they have their own scheduled appointments." Paul Pacheco "But isn't it open?" Sue "No not for them when you talk to a bidder, we're open." Paul Pacheco "If we're open anybody in the public can walk in right now on these interviews." Carol "No, they have an appointment." Paul Joly "Not while we're doing the interview." Carol "David has an appointment at two they have an appointment after." Paul Pacheco "Then we have to have it in executive. Two ways of having a meeting, executive or open, I'm just saying." Sue "Not going to get in to an argument right now, you know what we're just starting because I was late so Carol I will step down. I make a motion that we do go into executive session. Right now we really haven't gone into anything, we're just talking about Gateway. Paul Joly "Second." Sue "All in favor." Aye have it.

Sue stepped down "I make a motion we jump out of executive session at 3:15 PM to go into open session and then go back into executive session afterwards." There was a second. Sue "All in favor." Ayes have it.

Tony Roderick was next on the agenda. Paul Pacheco "To try to make this as quick and painless we've got a lot of things going on. I'd like to first explain to them what we had discussed and make a motion, if what I'm sayings wrong correct me." Tony Roderick "I explained the same thing to Sue when I went to Town Hall." Paul Pacheco "What we're looking, there was a water leak across the street from the Station that needs to be corrected anyway, he's got a problem with his whole line. He's talked to Tommy Ferry. Tommy Ferry's going to do the digging." Tony Roderick "On the Town's property from curb stop in the parking lot." Paul P. "What about in the street?" Tony R. "We can't do it in the street." Paul P. "He can." Tony R. "No they can't dig in the street." Paul Joly "That's got to be approved by the Selectmen on that." Paul P. "But it's his street." Tony R. "Private contractors can't do Water Department work on the road, falls to the Water Department. I just brought it to your attention, I figured we could co-ordinate it to do it all at one time. If you guys don't want to fix the road that is fine I just thought we could co-ordinate it all at once. The valve in the street on the main is leaking, the one in the parking lot doesn't work. That's why they've been using the one in the road, off that it's not working so the one that's actually shut off for the Fire Station in the parking lot is not working. So I figured you guys could take care of your issue where you're responsible from the main to the curb stop, take care of that while we

had it all opened. Tommy would take care of the rest of it to the building, make sure we're on the same page." Sue "You would co-ordinate that with Chuck." Paul J. "Go over this with Chuck and then he'll co-ordinate it with you." Sue "I don't see a problem." Paul J. "I don't see a problem as long as the Town is going to take care of their responsibility." Tony "I figured we'd take care of this now the valve in the street is leaking before the winter time gets here. You don't want problems with ice. Co-ordinate it with Chuck, co-ordinate it with Tommy, Tommy can take care of the parking lot, one department can take care of the street. I never said that Tommy's was going to dig in the road." Paul P. "What I was under the assumption of was that what I was thinking was if we could get him to do that." Sue "No the selectmen won't allow that. Chuck is back next week we'll vote on Tuesday." Paul J. "We'll go over it with him, set up a time and you guys can co-ordinate once you decide how they are going to do it, what the date is, if he needs more supplies." Paul P. "Why can't we make a decision, make a motion with them to get it done." Sue "I don't have a problem working with them, but we're not going to work with them, Chuck's going to work with them. Chuck's not here, as a courtesy to him." Paul J. "We'll go over it with Chuck and co-ordinate it." Paul P. "How soon do you want to get it done?" Tony R. "Whenever you guys, whenever Chuck comes back and tells me. Wednesday night I have to give a report to the Selectmen how the Water Department feels, tell them what's going on so everybody's on the same page." Paul P. "So you're going to go on Wednesday to tell the Selectmen." Sue "We meet Tuesday night and we'll have Chuck call you on Wednesday morning." Paul P. "Tony you were saying only in winter time you fill the trucks in the garage. When you fill them in the garage is that going through the meter now?" Tony "Yeah, all of it goes through the meters. Paul P. "Would it be beneficial to have an outlet inside that's not metered to fill your trucks with." Tony "I have asked that question before and never really got a response about it." Paul P. "My opinion is going to be putting a waterline in there that you should have a tap off of where he can fill the trucks with before the meter." Tony R. "Me as the Chief I would rather not disturb a fire hydrant in the cold weather causing more problems. I'd rather just do in the station and be done with the thing." Paul P. "So you fill in the building in the North Station unmetered?" Tony R. "No there's a meter in it." Sue "How many times do you fill it a year?" Tony R. "More than 10 it's thousands of gallons at a time." Paul P. "If you had the water in the building to fill without a meter would you fill more often?" Tony R. "I wouldn't say more, it's got to be done one way or the other." Sue "But if you use the hydrant you don't get charged?" Tony R. "The money is beside the point you've got to look at the safety aspect and the cost of the whole picture." Paul P. "Who do you want to supply the pipe." Tony R. "We can talk to Chuck about that, whatever he says we can do." Paul J. "Let him go over it with Chuck and whatever they decide we'll go with it." Tony R. "If he has some tubing and we can just get it done." Paul P. "Let me just say this if he goes over it with Chuck and they don't make a decision why don't we make a decision now? You're talking 100 feet." Sue "Let's just discuss the whole thing on Tuesday." Tony R. "If you have a question on something like that, give me a call. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions."

Sue "I make a motion to go back into executive session to discuss the bidding."
Paul Joly "Second." Sue "all in favor?" Ayes have it.

Sue "At this time after sitting with all three companies that have sent in bids to do the accounting work here at the Dighton Water District, I am going to step down and make a motion to award the bid to David Woods from Dighton MA as the lowest bidder at \$60.00 an hour to do all the necessary municipal accounting reports as needed by the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Board of Commissioners. When it is necessary for us to have an audit here at the District we will then advertise for bids for a CPA to complete that audit. We will not have our Accountant, David Woods making or doing that audit." Paul Joly "Second." Sue "All in favor?" Ayes have it.

Sue "I'm going to make a Motion at 4:44 PM that we adjourn." Paul Joly "Second." Sue "All in favor." Ayes have it.

Sue "I make a Motion we came out of executive session now into open session at 4:45PM to discuss the rest of the information on our agenda which is review the lease and appraisal amount for 527 Somerset Ave and we have a letter here from John Treacy, Carol take over for me here." Carol read letter, appraisal lease." Paul J. "I make a motion we notify the Selectmen of the availability of the old Water District Office on 138." Sue "Second." All in favor." Ayes have it.

Sue "The only other thing here is an announcement, negotiations is August 25th at 10:00 AM. That would be in executive session. Next meeting August 24th at 6:00 PM." Carol reviewed the agenda. Paul Joly "This letter here today that you got from the planning board talking to Chuck, does he feel that we're going to have enough water to supply all these proposed sub divisions? He really didn't go yeah or nay on it. Kind of unknown because he hasn't been getting any of the reports or plans from the planning board. So she has a spread sheet down there with all the info on it. Araujo wants a letter saying we need this info to review future water usage in the Town. How does that sound?" Sue "That's all she's asking, she just asking for a letter from us we're requesting that info." Paul Joly "so we get the information, Chuck's got the information in front of him and then we can talk."

Sue "Motion at 5:00 PM to adjourn." Paul J. "Second." All in favor, ayes have it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol A. Stevens
District Clerk

Those in Attendance:

Sue Medeiros
Paul Pacheco
Paul Joly
David Woods

Carol Stevens
Tina Bragga
Tony Roderick Jr.
Paul Dansereau

