

# *Dighton Water District*

192 Williams St.  
No. Dighton, Ma 02764

Sue Medeiros  
Paul Joly  
Paul Pacheco

COMMISSIONERS

*Card A. Stevens*  
TREASURER

December 14, 2010

A meeting of the Dighton Water District Commissioners was held at the District office at 6:00 P.M. Chairman of the Board, Sue Medeiros said, "I make a motion to open the meeting at 6:05 P.M. Clerk of the Board, Paul Joly said, "Second." Sue Medeiros said, "All in favor, ayes have it." First thing on the agenda Stephen DeFrancesco and Marc Owen. Stephen DeFrancesco was not in attendance but had called earlier during the day for any questions. Paul Joly said, "I make a motion to accept the Contract." Sue Medeiros said, "I agree back in the day you, me and Ed couple of other things have been added the wells this and that so they needed to do up a new amendment." Marc Owen reviewed the Letter of Agreement to the Board." Marc Owen said, "Amendment covers basically two things, one is for work out at Cedar #2 which is looking for a location to put in a replacement location to put in a replacement well for well #2 \$30,000 little bit more than that \$30,000 worth of drilling out time going out doing part time observation out there co-ordination with the drillers hiring on drillers but out to bid to five different drilling firms last meeting gave you a canvass of bids and results, low bidder was Dennis L. Maher. They're the ones doing drilling it is to cover that than the other portion of amendment is Walker St. well #3 proposed location for us to go out and put in two wells out there because the old wells were no longer functioning very well cause screens had collapsed on them or at least on one of them

that we've already done and put in replacement wells, tell you about that in a few minutes, it is to do the first part of the permitting I'll tell you about that in a few minutes for that well and that first part of permitting consist of two things one is to get a document together to submit to D.E.P. that is called a Request for Site Exam what D.E.P. wants is a document it ends up being an inch, inch and a half thick it explains where the location is, explains geology of the location, talks about other wells in the area, talks about any potential sources of contamination in the area, put in a package to them they take a look at it they come out and do a site exam. They'll have a meeting right here at the site, they'll take a look at the site walk around look at the area around here, look at stream and a couple of other things along those lines that's what first half of that is. Second half pumping test proposal when you do a new source approval they want to demonstrate that you know you want to get 350,000 out of a well there they want you to demonstrate that you can get the 350,000 gallons a minute of water out of that location if there are wetlands in the area they are concerned with or if there is a river or anything else along those lines that they are concerned with they want to make sure you are going to address that so you put together a proposal explaining to them what type of well you are going to put in for a five day sampling test. They require you do a five day pumping test what we would do is we put in one eight inch well install it to a certain depth, tell them how we are going to install, where we are going to install to certain depth, where we're going to screen the well and then they want you to monitor drawdown how much the water table drops and different well locations, put in monitoring well or monitoring location, do a final report submitting to D.E.P. then they'll approve the location." Commissioner, Paul Pacheco asked, "Adding wells to what we already have?" Marc Owen said, "This would be a new source any water we get out of this Walker St. back here would be in addition to your other wells." Paul Pacheco said, "So they should be fine with the location." Marc Owen said, "I think they'll be fine with the location they may have questions about the stream, wells on both sides of stream may ask questions about that, may not." Paul Pacheco asked, "What is our next step?" Marc Owen asked, "Do you want me to talk about drilling that we've being doing out here, fill you in?" Paul Pacheco said, "It's up to you if you want I'm confident of what they've done." Sue Medeiros said, "Me too, me too." Paul Joly said,

“Fine as long as you run it by Chuck.” Sue Medeiros said, “You’ve been here the last three or four meetings you’ve been very thorough with us.” Marc Owen said, “That’s my job.” Paul Pacheco asked, “How much money have we given you guys so far?” Marc Owen said, “Right around \$87,000.” Sue Medeiros said, “We put aside \$250,000.” Marc Owen said, “This would bring it up to \$207,000 includes \$30,000 worth of drilling going on now also includes the well that will go in at Cedar #3 it won’t include hooking well up here.” Paul Joly said, “I make a motion we sign the amendment Letter of Agreement.” Paul Pacheco said, “Second.” Sue Medeiros said, “All in favor, ayes have it.” Letter of Agreement was signed by the Board of Commissioners. Marc Owen said, “Real quickly the next step is and I’ve been sending Chuck e-mails every night giving him an update on where things are that’s what he wanted, gather all the information probably be finished drilling either tomorrow or Thursday gather all that information sit down with him after the first of the year, sit down go over different options.”

Next on the agenda was Planning Board-Zoning Board; Paul Joly said, “The old building is zoned Industrial/agricultural.” Sue Medeiros asked, “So what do we have to do?” Paul Joly said, “To re-zone is a long process go with a special permit predicated on who’s interested in the property one guy in Rehoboth tree operation that would fall in under a special permit. Basically we’ve got two options go with site plan and get a special permit.” Paul Pacheco said, “I think I’d like to see what we are going to do with the other building first because I know Planning Board said right now it’s going to be a couple thousand dollars in application fees.” Paul Joly said, “We don’t have to do it right away we just have to decide which way we are going to go.” Paul Pacheco said, “Look into it a little bit more.” Sue Medeiros said, “My opinion if we decide to sell is that re-zoning you have to go to Town Meeting for that Zoning Board would give us a special permit so we can sell it. Why don’t we do this my opinion table it till we know about the property.” Paul Joly said, “One guy from Rehoboth is waiting for a firm price it was appraised at \$250,000.” Paul Pacheco asked, “To buy it?” Treasurer/Clerk, Carol Stevens said, “A Special Meeting would have to be called to seek the authority to sell the property first of all.” Sue Medeiros said, “Part of Special District Meeting when we have free cash certified. Table it

for now until we get free cash certified and part of next Special District Meeting.” Paul Joly said, “Yeah.” Paul Pacheco said, “Right.”

Next order of business Test wells monitoring from Board of Selectmen; Paul Pacheco asked, “What’s up with the test wells?” Sue Medeiros asked, “Did you hear back from Tommy Pires on that?” Carol Stevens said, “He called a couple of times he said he was going to talk to Sue.” Paul Joly asked, “Why don’t we have Chuck address it put a note for Chuck follow up with Pires.”

Next order of business Restricted account; Sue Medeiros said, “Account that was part of free cash when we did the year end stuff so I asked Carol instead of us trying to figure out what the law is with this go to Diane Dziura and find out because this would change our free cash amount of money.” Carol Stevens said, “Contractor’s Account from when all the subdivisions come in the money is put in that account it is suppose to be restricted for Capital Improvements only.” Paul Joly asked, “What about Main St. now is that a Capital Improvement?” Carol Stevens said, “Main St. would be a Capital Improvement you can use that money for Main St... You can use that to buy the land you can’t put it in your free cash to buy new trucks. It has to be restricted. I also talked to our Financial Advisor that we had on board back when the vote went through which was in 2003.” Paul Pacheco asked, “Why can’t we use it for trucks?” Carol Stevens said, “You can’t it is for Capital Improvements, a truck is not a Capital Improvement. Can’t throw restricted account in there to make free cash look huge.” Sue Medeiros said, “That’s what’s been happening.” Carol Stevens said, “That account alone has a million some dollars in it which could be used for Main St. and could be used to buy a building. If you don’t use it you’ve got to turn it back to the people. I talked to the Financial Advisor it was set up that way he was here when it got set up what he said now was for the new Board to do the same vote as before as a restricted account that way it clears up all these problems we are running into and that money stays just for Capital Improvements. What the Department of Revenue said when I asked them was the same thing if you have a surplus of money that is suppose to go back to the people.” A discussion on the restricted account and how it can be used and was used in the past

was held. Paul Pacheco said, "So why don't we leave that as it is for now." Sue Medeiros asked, "Do we need to do a vote on that to leave it as is, no it's already restricted anyway." Paul Joly said, "Yeah." Paul Pacheco said, "Right."

Next order of business Christmas Party; Sue Medeiros said, "I know over the years we had it the Commissioners would just pick a date unfortunately with the open meeting law we have to decide to vote to do it, I make a motion to do this Tuesday around noon time." Paul Joly said, "Second." Paul Pacheco said, "Ok Tuesday noon time will be all right." Sue Medeiros said, "I'll step down make a motion Christmas Party for employees and Commissioners on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> at noon time."

Next order of business Money for advertising Accountant Ad; Sue Medeiros said, "Couple of places we decided to put the ad in needs a credit card there is no credit card Paul Joly was kind enough to say he would put it on his credit card and the Water District would reimburse him." Paul Pacheco said, "Fine with me." Prices were reviewed. A discussion was held on how to notify. Paul Pacheco asked, "What is soliciting bids?" Carol Stevens said, "When you call around and have your friends come in and bid." Sue Medeiros said, "I know two people that I think that would be great for the job but I'm afraid to do it but I'm afraid to do it because I don't want that to come back and haunt me and I'll tell you who the people are Janice who lives down the street from me was Town Accountant in Dighton, now is Town Accountant in Raynham nice little part time job for her Janice Boucher." Paul Pacheco said, "I'll call her and tell her." Sue Medeiros said, "I know her very well." Paul Pacheco said, "If you feel uncomfortable I will." Sue Medeiros said, "I even thought of Jen in our office." Paul Pacheco said, "The reason we want to advertise is to let the whole world know why keep it a secret." Sue Medeiros said, "That's why I sent it in an e-mail how about putting it out to the local Town halls and I know Janice would get it." Paul Joly said, "Let's just go with the ads the way we've got it set up now." Sue Medeiros said, "It almost sounds like I'm calling my friend I feel uncomfortable." Paul Pacheco said, "I think its ok and I'll take my chances. The more people you notify why is it a bad thing." Sue Medeiros said, "I don't think it is a bad thing I just don't want it to

come back and say Sue called her friend Janice down the street to come in and apply for it then she gets the job and they'll say oh she only got it because she's Sue's friend." Paul Pacheco said, "As far as individual's making phone calls that's our individual personality if you don't want to do anything Paul that's fine I'm going to do it if anybody thinks I'm doing anything wrong say so. Paul Joly said, "If you are doing it on your own fine but the Board feels right now the way we've got it set up now...." Sue Medeiros said, "I do want to put it in the Spectator." Paul Joly said, "Put it in." Sue Medeiros said, "Ok, alright I'll make that a motion."

Sue Medeiros said, "Moving right along Paul Williams land for sale, table that, 527 Somerset Ave. tabled."

Sue Medeiros said, "Drop box is here we need to get it up." Paul Pacheco said, "Up at the end of the driveway." Sue Medeiros said, "Carol let Chuck know let's just get it up." Paul Joly said, "It was held up because we were going to wait until we saw what was going on up here." Sue Medeiros said, "Let's just get it up."

Sue Medeiros said, "National Grid." Paul Pacheco asked, "Chuck has report on them right?" Carol Stevens said, "They called me today what they want is for me to send them over a copy of our bills and they are going to work on the new rates to get us better rates."

Sue Medeiros said, "Markers Hydrants." Carol Stevens mentioned it was on the agenda to decide if they were going to do all of them or a dozen. Paul Joly said, "Chuck was going to give us the prices." Paul Pacheco said, "Alright."

Paul Pacheco asked, "Are the trees down yet?" Paul Joly said, "I don't know." Sue Medeiros said, "Table this stuff."

Sue Medeiros said, "Signs." Paul Joly said, "I'm still waiting for the dimensions have you got them." Paul Pacheco said, "Probably cut them in two inch slabs." Paul Joly asked, "How wide?" Paul Pacheco said, "As wide as tree is cut two inch slabs see what we've got to work with." Discussion was held on the length and width of sign.

Paul Pacheco asked, "Logo, want to do something about kids at school?" Sue Medeiros said, "Contest for the school to design the logo that would be cute." Paul Pacheco said, "All of D-R any student, all the schools, do that offer some type of prize." Sue Medeiros said, "A lot of cities and towns do that when it comes to Municipalities they'll have the school kids design the thing." Sue Medeiros said, "Carol call school Principals they'll guide her."

Paul Pacheco asked, "What about Elm St. tank?" Paul Joly said, "Chuck is waiting for the Fire Chief to get back to us." Sue Medeiros said, "He just got back from Florida Sunday." Paul Pacheco said, "Chuck saying if it got too cold he was going to empty it anyways." Sue Medeiros asked, "So do we tell Chuck if he doesn't hear from Tony.... Carol just let him know that when he feels it is time to do it if Tony hasn't got back to him do it, but give Tony the courtesy of one more phone call to see what's going on."

Paul Joly said, "Rates set that up." Carol Stevens said, "John called me today he said any time you want him to come down he'll come down except for the first week of January his wife is being operated on." Paul Joly said, "Get him on for the next meeting." Paul Pacheco asked, "Who's that?" Carol Stevens said, "John Daniels." Paul Joly said, "He's the guy that does the rates."

Paul Pacheco said, "Warrants and Minutes." Warrants and Minutes were reviewed.

Sue Medeiros said, "Public Input, no public input, no public in attendance."

Portable sign update.

Sue Medeiros said, "Three people called me and said it was really good having those hydrant flushing signs all over the place."

Paul Joly said, "Executive session, I don't think we need it."

Paul Pacheco said, "I don't think we need it either." Paul Joly said, "We have to do the contract." Sue Medeiros said, "We've got the contract to sign I don't know how you're feeling about that contract we've had this conversation." Paul Pacheco said, "Table that." Paul Joly said, "We should get that thing done." Sue Medeiros said, "We've got to get it done David Gay sent us a letter. We've got to get that done." Paul Joly asked, "Have you read that Sue? I read mine." Sue Medeiros said, "Yeah." Paul Pacheco said, "Executive quick."

Paul Joly said, "I make a motion to approve the warrants." Sue Medeiros said, "I'll step down and second, all in favor, ayes have it."

Tax Assessor invoice was reviewed. Money that was budgeted was paid to the Assessor's extra will have to be at a Special Meeting.

Sue Medeiros said, "Tomorrow night tax classifications two of us have to be there, Carol has to be there." Paul Joly said, "I'll be there." Paul Pacheco said, "I'll try and make it."

Sue Medeiros said, "I'll step down and make a motion to approve the minutes." Paul Joly said, "Second." Sue Medeiros said, "All in favor, ayes have it."

Sue Medeiros said, "I'll step down make a motion to go into executive session real quick when we come out of executive session we're going to adjourn, we're not going to go back into regular session." Paul Joly said, "Second." Sue Medeiros said, "All in favor." Regular Session ended at 7:05P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Stevens  
District Clerk

Those in Attendance:

Sue Medeiros

Paul Joly

Paul Pacheco

Marc Owen

Carol A. Stevens

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