

Dighton Water District

**192 Williams St.
No. Dighton, MA 02764**

**Sue Medeiros
Patrick Menges**

COMMISSIONERS

***Carol A. Stevens
TREASURER***

September 10, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of intern Mark Pritchard who will be working at both the water district and town hall.

Scheduled meeting with Engineer Stephen DeFrancesco to discuss water quality and brown water issues. Overall it was decided that it could be one or more of three possibilities. The old unlined pipes could be reacting with chemical, the lines could have slug in them, or it could be coming from sediment build up somewhere along the line. The cases of brown water need to be documented closely so that the problem can be identified. Also district users should report all brown water issues immediately and also samples are to be taken to see if the right amount of chemical is reaching its destination and to check on counts of what is in the water. Also flushing was discussed and it will begin as soon as possible in the fall and be done at night starting at the plant and working out into the district.

Motion was made that the minuets are to be signed and approved as submitted. Motion carries. (July 9th, August 22nd and 27th)

Patrick Menges, motion to dispense quarterly review of executive session minuets. Carries.

Patrick Menges, motion to precede financial condition state furnished to us by the acting district accountant beginning with major account balances. Carries.

Patrick Menges, motion to approve expenditure warrants prepared by district accountant. Carries.

Patrick Menges, motion to financial report be accepted as prepared by district accountant/ treasurer. Carries.

Superintendent's report, sanitary report everything that is due to be done on Friday will be done. The safety sign is up on Cedar Street and low hanging wires will be removed.

Patrick Menges, motion that Maher service \$5,100.00 submersible pump is to be accepted as recommended by the district superintendent. Motion carries

Discussed contractors installing water lines not our workers, suggest that a certificate of insurance be drawn up

Adopt superintendent's recommendation of contractors list to install lines that the town will not. Motion made, Patrick Menges, draft as superintendent furnished be accepted. Carries.

The fire station meter was discussed whether or not the fire department be charged for the water to fill the trucks, it was decided that the meter in question was to be installed by a licensed plumber and that the fire department is only currently charged for toilets and sinks.

The lagoon waste removal was discussed and a letter from the city of Taunton was received. Patrick Menges, motion, that superintendent is authorized to pursue more options and to contact O'Brien at the Taunton DPW. Carries.

Lead and copper samples need to be collected

Fall flushing was discussed and was decided to be started as soon as possible giving the district members a three day notice by an ad placed in the gazette.

Superintendent request for vacation time was approved.

The board motions that the superintendent report be submitted as a report of progress and the superintendent should continue to outline as functioned. Motion carries.

Water resources trustees meeting on tax exempt status will be held Thursday September 19, 2013 at 9:00 am.

Patrick Menges, Motion accepted to accept water trustees report as delivered. Carries.

Williams street real estate acquisition meeting with the Lindsey partnership, and eminent domain letter was sent to the DEP. Somerset Avenue real estate to be dropped in price to

175,000 from 250,000 the warrant will be altered to reflect this change. DOR debt avoidance was said that it was “better to be planned and kept track of than to let it all go at once” referring to resisting spending of free cash. Water rates were tabled due to prior informational meeting the board did not want to be swayed by the public’s input on the matter. Sue Medeiros, motion to table discussion on water rates. Carries.

Commissioner Olsen resignation.

Pleasant Street Bridge needs two more bids before a decision can be made and project started.

Patrick Menges, motion, for district treasurer/ accountant complete the warrant for the fall district meeting with figures.

Patrick Menges , motion, board vote add to the safety policy the following provision which was voted in executive session wed sep 3rd and requires a public vote, any work on private property including call in of two employees if the home owner not going to be home or has not consented in advance. Carries.

Flushing dates were discussed and it was concluded that fall flushing needs to start as soon as possible.

DWD public concerns about getting in contact with customers, sending warnings, etc... possibilities are emails and reverse 911 calls.

Public input.

Adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Submitted by: _____
Mark Pritchard

Commissioners:

Sue Medeiros

Patrick Menges