

Dighton Water District

192 Williams Street
North Dighton, MA 02764

Sue Medeiros
Patrick Menges
Edward Swartz

COMMISSIONERS

Carol A. Stevens
TREASURER

The following meeting was both audio and video recorded.

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.
Water District Headquarters

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Susana Medeiros, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

There was a moment of silence observed in memory of Mr. Gilbert Lopes and the mother of Jeffrey Miller.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Clerk of the Board, Patrick Menges, moved that the minutes of the meetings dated December 9, 2013, August 13, 2013, December 20, 2014 and the executive session minutes of December 20, 2013 be approved as prepared by the Acting District Clerk. Sue seconded and the motion carried.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

Patrick moved that the financial report be accepted as prepared by the Acting District Treasurer. Sue seconded and the motion carried.

WEBSITE UPDATE:

Tina Bragga stated that the minutes approved at the November board meeting has been posted on the website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Patrick announced that the next Water Trust Resource meeting will be Thursday, January 16th, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Monday, February 10th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. (changed due to a conflict with town meeting scheduled on Tuesday February 11th.)

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Sue announced that nominations for Commissioner for three years will be open from March 3rd, 2014 to April 3rd, 2014 with the election being held May 19th, 2014 from 12 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Papers will be available at the District Office. The Annual District meeting is being held Thursday, May 22nd, 2014, place and time to be announced at a later time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Patrick acknowledged intern Mark Pritchard for all his help at the Water District.

Patrick motioned that the Board be in recess until 8:00 P.M., Sue seconded, the motion carried.

The Board reconvened at 8:00 P.M.

MEETINGS WITH SCHEDULED GUESTS: Attorney Fredericks

The board discussed 527 Somerset Avenue disposition Purchase and Sales with Attorney Rob Fredericks, Attorney Thomas and Ryan Nadeau.

Attorney Fredericks stated that there seems to be no zoning issues. Attorney Fredericks and Superintendent Greg Olsen had meeting with Building Inspector James Aguiar. The Building Inspector stated that a Geotechnical survey would need to be done if the footprint of the building was to be changed. There are three pipes under the building, the inspector feels that if a non-municipality owned the property the pipes would have to be moved to ensure the fire systems operations at Omnitex (Princess House).

Patrick moved that the Board meet with Attorney Fredericks on a date indicated by council as when he is ready to meet with us to discuss remaining legal issues concerning this sale and that Attorney Fredericks be asked to obtain the sense of the property manager of Omnitex in Dighton concerning his disposition toward meeting with this board. Sue seconded, the motion carried.

Patrick moved that the Superintendent be instructed by the Board to obtain prices for the Boards review and consideration of a Geotechnical survey, the cost of relocating the Princess House (Omnitex) main and the cost of deadening and relocating all of the mains under 527 Somerset Avenue. Commissioner Ed Swartz seconded.

Motion as amended for the cost of the Geotechnical survey, cost of relocating Princess House supply line and the cost of an alternative for our remaining pipes that is acceptable to the Building Inspector so that we can sell the property and the cost to the District in rates from the loss of Princess House as a customer. Amended motion was seconded and passed.

MEETINGS WITH SCHEDULED GUESTS: Mark Owen of AECOM

Mark Owen gave the Board a report on Walker Street development of well site #3. Mark explained that further development of Walker 3 was tabled until the Board decides if they would like to move forward with this project. There is a time schedule involved. Mark stated process to have well up and running would take about 2 years.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Greg Olsen reported that the altitude valve is working; the District will need to look into a mixer for the Williams Street tank. One lagoon has been cleaned, there will be a maintenance plan put in place. Greg updated the board on digital radio read meters. Has been

doing cleaning and painting stations and plant. Greg informed the board that the tight tank needs to be pumped out, should cost around \$4,000.00 and is not a yearly expense.

The Pleasant Street bridge project is ready when the weather is warmer. Greg stated that the temporary services would freeze with the temperatures we have been having.

Patrick made a motion that the report of the Superintendent be accepted as a report of progress and that the Superintendent be instructed to continue to function as outlined. Ed seconded and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board requested the time clock be returned and a new more compatible clock be researched.

NEW BUSINESS:

Five Year Capital Planning Committee, Patrick asked Greg to organize with the present members.

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget and Special Articles should be started. Commissioners would like to have a budget workshop the first week of February.

Town of Dighton Green Community Initiative, Greg is committed to making the District green but is concerned about the funding.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

Ed motion to adjourn at 10:00 P.M., Patrick seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
Assistant District Clerk

Those in Attendance:

Sue Medeiros
Patrick Menges
Edward Swartz
Greg Olsen
Tina Bragga
Attorney Rob Fredericks

Attorney Thomas
Ryan Nadeau
Jeff Cloonan

Chairman Sue Medeiros

Clerk Patrick Menges

Commissioner Ed Swartz

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