

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable's Hyannis Water Board was held on April 13, 2010 at 3.15 PM in the Growth Management Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA

In attendance were Deb Krau, Chair, Skip Simpson, Vice Chair, Tom Holmes, Peter Cross and Rebecca Baxter

Staff present: Hans Keijser, Supervisor, Water Supply Division and Dale Saad, Ph.D., Senior Project Manager

Public present: Ken Maltese, United Water, Mark Lavoie, United Water, Jack Bonomo, United Water, Jennifer & Stuart Rapp, 79 Pine St., Alfred Bleu 74 Hampshire Ave., Richard Andres, Omer Dumais, Tighe & Bond.

A quorum being present, Chair Krau called the meeting to order at 3:25 PM

The Agenda was approved.

The Minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting were approved with amendments.

Jennifer Rapp represented by Stuart Rapp seeks abatement for interest due to an incorrect mailing address. It was noted that the agenda reflects Pine Street but it actually Pine Ave. It was noted that this was in fact Pine Street for many years but has since been changed to Pine Ave. At this time an abatement of \$124.00 in interest over a two year period is sought. Copies of returned bills were obtained by Mr. Rapp. He noted that over the two year period since the death of Mr. Daly attempts were periodically made to resend the water bill. The house was vacant for awhile and subsequently bills were sent out with partially correct billing information. Once received, the water use bill was promptly paid and appeal for the interest was filed.

Chair Krau noted that return mail was not previously researched properly but a change in vendors in July has rectified this. In these types of cases the Board historically voted to grant the abatement.

Some discussion ensued regarding the amount of interest. A slight discrepancy was noted but clarified by Stuart Rapp as the difference between 116 days and 124. He worked with staff and it was determined that the amount is \$123.89

VOTE: Unanimous to abate \$123.89.

Chair Krau asked the Board to consider allowing an administrative abatement process for requests involving bad mailing addresses.

VOTE: Unanimous to create an administrative review process to grant abatements for interest for appeals involving bad mailing addresses.

Alfred Bleu seeks abatement relative to water charges for a property located at 74 Hampshire Ave.

Cross excused himself from the deliberation and left the room temporarily.

Ron Girard appeared with the applicant. The abatement request is in the amount of \$2,366.00. Ron contacted three septic companies and the water company to inspect the property for broken pipes and no problems were found. The water meter has been changed-out and tested. The water meter test results came back within range, nothing wrong with the meter. The bill has been paid.

Chair Krau asked if the usage averaged in the 60's. This was confirmed. Subsequently, there were the two large bills 147 & 573 for a total of 720; minus 120 for the average. This leaves 600 CCF over the norm for a period of six months.

Simpson noted that we are reasonably sure the water went through the meter & it tested OK. He stated he does not believe a leak to be outside the realm of possibilities

Chair Krau inquired about the abatement amount as no figure was submitted. It was determined it should be 600ccf x the middle bracket figure of \$1.80 = \$1,080. Chair Krau asked the Board for comments on the abatement. Baxter indicated she had concerns about the zero consumption. Simpson indicated that previous requests were denied because the water went through the meter. Although no one knows where this water went, it did go through the meter. Holmes agreed that the water did in fact go through the meter. Chair Krau cited concern about the zero consumption.

VOTE: Two in favor of granting and two in favor of denial, a split vote.

Chair Krau asked the applicant if they would mind allowing the Board to research the issue more before making a decision.

Operations Report. Lavoie commented on the change-out efforts relative to water sampling points and the Maher 1 and 3 well rehabilitation. He explained that the wells were rehabbed and after evaluation it was determined that the two pumps needed to be replaced.

Lavoie stated that the flushing program was on schedule, no report of coliform and March collections netted over \$10,000.00.

Maltese explained that 71 total delinquency notices have gone out. Chair Krau commented that past due accounts (referring to the Monthly Report) of 120 days were est. \$250,000 the prior month and \$350,000 this month. Chair Krau requests a chart of deliverables relative to the operations contract.

Chair Krau and Simpson agree to meet with Keijser to discuss, review and schedule a meeting for five financial hardship requests.

Meeting with DEP Lavoie stated that as a result of the sampling challenges that occurred during the start-up of United Water, and the DEP notice, half of the improvements are currently done, with the remainder being completed in the upcoming 1 ½ weeks. Lavoie stated that the Water Quality Report notice will be redrafted as well and projects NO problems for the future.

Holmes states the good job that United Water is doing, Chair Krau agrees. Keijser added that the DEP expressed "Confidence in Mark Lavoie".

Zoning-Old Yarmouth Road and Ferndoc area. Discussion about the junk dealership's license renewal has raised questions relative to enforcement, prioritization of wellhead protection and other Town Department's roles and responsibilities.

Holmes feels that this is going to be problematic with well-being of the water. Baxter adds, "Water doesn't seem to be a priority", Cross adds, "Why do we have zoning if we don't enforce it? Chair Krau asks, "What are suggested inspection parameters and who enforces parameters of the license"?

The Board suggests that if the Board of Health conducts inspections, to request random "unannounced" inspections, to request guaranteed enforcement with license approval and ask the Regulatory Department if enforcement is going to happen.

Chair Krau states she will invite Tom Geiler from the Regulatory Department to the next meeting to talk about inspection, enforcement and job responsibility of Site Plan Review. All agree to invite the Growth Management and the Regulatory Departments to discuss the concerns.

Schedule for Water Tower Project. Dumas prepared and distributed two documents, an alternatives evaluation and selection process document and an example evaluation and selection methods document. He explains that there are 5 different types of methodologies to evaluate alternatives. The types are; Advantages versus disadvantages, voting, simple matrix, weighted matrix and multi-attribute analysis. Dumas suggest the “multi-attribute” model for the Hyannis Water System water storage project.

He explains that there are 23 criteria in the RFP and 5 styles of tanks. Omer recommends the “Elevated” or “Ground storage” tank instead of “Standpipe” or “Bladder” tank. He explains that the latter are only good solutions for temporary storage or small uses.

VOTE: Unanimous to limit the options to: “Ground storage” or “Elevated” tanks.

VOTE: Unanimous to utilize the Point Matrix chart.

Dumas recommended the Hyannis Fire Department, the Growth Management Department and the DPW Commission to be involved as stakeholders with the process and the Matrix tables to be completed by all. The ultimate decision would be made by the Water Board.

After deliberation the Board agreed to fill out the table and rank it, to take the presentation to the three stakeholders and the Hyannis Councilors and then hold public meetings. A special meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 27 at 3.15 PM.

Capital Plan Review. Chair Krau went over the capital requests in preparation for the April 15 Town Council meeting, public hearing and vote on the FY11 Capital Improvement Plan.

Silent Spring. A new draft of the response document has been given out to review. Get comments back to Keijser and he will notify all Board Members relative to the results on April 28, 2010.

Next Meetings. Special meeting on April 27, 2010 –Ranking of Matrix, 3:15 – 5:15 PM.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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