

# **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

MINUTES OF

July 10, 2018

Buzzards Bay Water District 15 Wallace Ave. Buzzards Bay, MA 02532

## **MINUTES**

### **Present:**

Joseph Carrara, Chairman  
Wendy Chapman, Commissioner  
Robert, Ethier, Commissioner  
Jennifer Kelson, Treasurer  
Louise Warren, Billing Clerk  
Wayne Perkins, Crew Chief  
Barry Woods, Admin. Support  
Peter Meier, Selectman/Resident  
4 Buzzards Bay residents

The meeting was called to order by Joseph Carrara at 4:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES DATED 6/12/18:** Joseph Carrara made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the 6/12/18 meeting. Wendy Chapman seconded that motion.

After approval of the minutes, Wendy Chapman asked the board if they have contacted the Admiral at Mass Maritime Academy. Joseph Carrara replied that we have not. Robert Ethier asked if it will be done by the next meeting. Joseph Carrara replied that we will not gain anything from having a meeting with the Admiral. Wendy Chapman stated that if we don't contact him, we won't be following thru with what was decided at the last district meeting, and we must have follow-thru. Joseph Carrara stated that Wendy should develop the questions to discuss with the Admiral. He asked the treasurer to extend an invitation to the Admiral for the next meeting and to also invite Senator DeMacedo to facilitate.

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2018 BILLING COMMITMENT:** Joseph Carrara made a MOTION to approve the June 2018 billing commitment. Wendy Chapman seconded that motion, and all in favor.

### **UPDATE REGARDING MMA AND TOWN AND IMPACT ON THE DISTRICT:**

Wayne Perkins, Crew Chief, provided updates on the splash pad's water usage. The splash pad uses 60 gallons per minute. Over the course July 7th weekend, the park used 126k gallons. From 5/23/18-6/13/18, the park used 1,072,000 gallons of water.

Peter Meier said that they are now using the irrigation system every other day. He also stated that park hours have been decreased and conservation measures are being put in place. He stated that the park is unable to reuse the water. He also explained that the quotes given for installing a water reclamation system were between \$110k-300k, and that the town may consider an irrigation well in the future. Peter Meier said that taxpayers pay for the water thru the general fund.

There was discussion on how the park impacts the district. Barry Woods disputed the comment that Joseph Carrara made in the paper stating that the park has no impact on the District. Barry Woods explained that anything which uses water impacts the district, motels, affordable housing, new construction...

Wendy Chapman asked, "The water park will not be a strain on the district? Is this true?" Barry Woods replied, "I'm not trying to be critical of the process, but anything that uses water puts impact on the district."

Barry Woods further explained the permitting process and how much water the District is allowed to pump. The District's permit allows for 530k gallons a day which can be "tweaked" according to usage. For example, more water is used in a day in the summer months and less in the winter months. The District can pump a total of 193 million gallons in a year. We are operating right now on only three wells. Wayne Perkins explained that we are running the stations 20 hours a day right now.

Wendy Chapman asked how the 5 wells will hold up to the demand (when all 5 wells are up and running). Barry Woods answered that they should suffice, but we may want to consider an emergency interconnect in the future. Barry Woods stated that in his personal opinion, before finding a new parcel of land for another well, we should think of adding another storage tank.

Old Bridge Road was discussed. Wendy Chapman asked if there had been any follow up regarding the Old Bridge Rd. project. Wayne Perkins said that Steve is still waiting to find out the status. Wendy Chapman said that she will talk to Steve when she sees him.

#### **UPDATE ON THE STATE OF WATER SUPPLY CONSERVATION:**

Barry Woods provided a packet of information regarding the status of the State of Water Supply Conservation including Water Use Restriction Bylaws, the drafted Motion if the District needs to declare a State of Water Supply Conservation, and signage recommendations. No motion was needed at this time.

#### **NEW BUSINESS: SIGNS**

Wendy Chapman proposed that the District invest in signs to be used to advertise district meetings. These would be standard yard signs that would be put up throughout the community similar to what the District does with the Voluntary Water Ban signs.

Wendy Chapman made a MOTION that we provide signs for the monthly and annual meetings. Robert Ethier seconded that motion, and all in favor.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Presented by Wayne Perkins, Crew Chief, and accepted by the Board.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Presented by Jennifer Kelson, Treasurer, and accepted by the Board.

**ANY BUSINESS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED WITHIN 48 HOURS:**None

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/SELECT NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Agenda items suggested for next meeting:

1. Possible discussion with Senator DeMacedo and Admiral of MMA
2. Cost analysis- Man hours and Materials

Due to scheduling conflicts, the next Board meeting will be August 21, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

Wendy Chapman made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting 5:25 pm. Robert Ethier seconded that motion, and all in favor.