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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MINUTES OF

September 11, 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
Paul O'Keefe, VP of Operations, Mass Maritime Academy
Dennis Woodside, Bourne Police
Peter Meier, Selectman/Resident
4 Buzzards Bay residents

The meeting was called to order by Joseph Carrara at 4:00 pm. A brief moment of silence was held to in remembrance of the tragedy of September 11, 2001

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES DATED 7/10/18: Robert Ethier made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the 7/10/18 meeting. Wendy Chapman seconded that motion.

OLD BUSINESS: UPDATE REGARDING MMA AND TOWN AND IMPACT ON THE DISTRICT:

Paul O'Keefe, VP of Operations at Mass Maritime Academy was present and provided an update on Mass Maritime's plans for expansion. He also presented a graph of the school's water consumption for the last few years (see attached). He stated that the MMA is focused on energy efficiency and has installed an energy efficient dish washer in the kitchen, low flow toilets/showers, and artificial turf.

Paul O'Keefe also stated that there has been a 58% increase in students over the last 10 years. Student enrollment is expected to reach 1750 in year 2021. He stated that currently the school houses 1450 in dorms, 80 students off-site in Wareham and 70 kids live on the ship. He explained that the school has a 5-year strategic plan and a 2 year "Voyage Plan" approved every year by the trustees. They need more lab space and space for student housing. Paul O'Keefe stated they, "will work with us closely with any expansion plans." Their intentions are to, "keep us in the loop."

Wendy Chapman expressed her concern about how tax-exempt organizations (such as MMA) do not contribute tax revenue to BBWD. She proposed that we consider a voluntary agreement

called a Pilot Program which several other organizations have adopted. These Pilot Programs are established to help alleviate the tax burden on the residents. Wendy stated, "the burden needs to be shared equally." It would be a voluntary agreement between both parties. Paul O'Keefe responded that he would be open to discussion on the issue.

One resident from the floor suggested that tax exempt organizations pay a higher tier rate for water.

OLD BUSINESS: UPDATE ON THE STATE OF WATER SUPPLY CONSERVATION:

Steve Souza explained that the District is still in a state of Voluntary Water Restrictions. We plan to keep these restrictions in place until the two wells come online.

Barry Woods provided a printout of an article by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see attached) released on July 13, 2018 which explains how state officials urge continued water conservation.

Peter Meier notified the board that the old Groundwater Analytical building on Main St. is under negotiation.

NEW BUSINESS: THE REQUEST FROM TOWN OF BOURNE TO WAIVE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR NEW POLICE STATION AT 35 ARMORY RD

Police Chief, Dennis Woodside addressed the Board at the meeting. He stated that the police department received a bill for \$26,000 from BBWD for service line fees. He requested that the fees be waived. Dennis Woodside explained that the police station provides many services to BBWD including: their on-call service and the use of their gasoline station where we receive a discounted price on gas. He also explained that the police station is not a big water user, and that he understands that his request is not a popular request.

Joseph Carrara replied that Bournedale School, the Park, the DPW all paid fees. "We try to be fair to everyone. Fees are a cost of doing business." The Chief replied that the fee is "unreasonable." Chief asked for an explanation as to what the fee covers. Steve Souza replied that the fee is based on the strain on the overall system and "every connection is a strain on the system."

Robert Ethier made a MOTION to take the matter under advisement. Wendy seconded that motion.

Wendy Chapman made a MOTION to have a meeting on 9/25/18 to discuss the police department's fees and to hold an Executive Session before that meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSS THE APPROVED AMMENDMENT To LEGISLATIVE ACT TP INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BOARD COMMISSIONERS TO 5 MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED FOR A 3-YEAR TERM
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Joseph Carrara suggested they table this topic to the proposed 9/25/18 meeting and requested that legal counsel, Robert Troy be invited to attend.

Wendy Chapman made a MOTION to table the matter to a later date. Robert Ethier seconded that motion.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Presented by Steven Souza, Superintendent, 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

COMMISIONERS COMMENTS/SELECT NEXT MEETING DATE:

Agenda items suggested for next meeting:

1. Recalls

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 25 at 4:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Ethier made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting 5:15 pm. Wendy Chapman seconded that motion, and all in favor.

Prepared by:
Jennifer Kelson, Treasurer
Buzzards Bay Water District

