

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 5, 2018

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Norwell Water Dept.

345 Main Street-Office

In Attendance:

Board members: Fred St. Ours, Peter Dillon, and Water Superintendent Jack McInnis.

Guests: Dave Deghetto, Dave Osborne, Janet Watson, Patricia Hainer, Scott Macffaden, Marie Molla

Meeting Minutes Prepared By: Donna Snow

1. The Board members signed abatements, commitments and vouchers.
2. A discussion was held pertaining to 25 acres on Simon Hill that is jointly owned by both Water and Conservation. Dave Deghetto was suggesting that the Simon hill land be physically divided between the two departments. Dave Deghetto directed a question to Scott Macffaden, asking how many towns are not in compliance, to which Scott Macffaden replied that there are several towns not in compliance. Janet Watson attended the meeting because this land is unique and deserves special attention pertaining to the archeological and cultural aspects which should be protected. Patricia Hainer noted it is safe to say Simon was the last native American to have a residential area in Scituate/Norwell area, noting it is a nightmare trying to document from reliable sources. Fred St. Ours explained there was exploration that did not work out. Steve Ivas described the particular location stating they anticipated a fault in the area. Peter Dillon noted they did find a fault and describe the location they were exploring and noted they will likely investigate a different spot. Fred St. Ours assured them that they would be surprised how very little the Water Department exploration disturbs the area and explained proper notice would

be provided when they expect to explore again. Patricia Hainer asked if the Water Department has the right to do further exploration and they told her they do have the right to explore. David Osborne noted the Memorandum of Understanding is on file. Dave Deghetto wants the land to be divided and it is his interpretation that the Conservation and Water Department land needs to be defined pursuant to the language in an article he read from. Peter Dillon stated the said land would be defined when work is being done, and noted the Water Department may decide they don't need any of the land, but it is possible they could find a water source. Fred St. Ours did not agree that the language in the article states the land has to be defined at any particular point in time. Janet Watson asked what if a formation was found, would it be disturbed and if not then why can't a conservation restriction be placed to protect those particular findings. Peter Dillon explained a restriction would be specific to water supply land if one was put on it. Patricia Hainer asked how does the exploration work ? Fred said described that an 8" hole is bored in the earth, and again affirmed every effort would be made to protect any historical sites. Peter Dillon explained the cross country water main work which was done ran almost a half mile from South Street to Tiffany Road to ensure nothing was disturbed. Patricia Hainer asked about a particular location where artifacts reside and Steve Ivas explained they have no interest on the hill. Dave Deghetto noted step one is that he wants compliance with the article; to ensure water and conservation identify their two portions. Marie Molla defended the Water Department's position explaining the opportunity to explore for water supply cannot be pinched off by isolating the exploration to one section of the land. Marie Molla

stated she believes as long as NWD communicates when and where they are working she would be satisfied; she is equally interested in protecting Simon Hill however NWD is entitled to the opportunity for water exploration. Fred St. Ours does not see the urgency to divide the land and limit the process of finding a potential water supply. Scott Macffaden asked did the Department have a timeline when our studies would be completed? Peter Dillon answered we do not. Fred St. Ours noted our budget allows a certain amount of work a year, Peter Dillon explained the approximate cost to be 40k per exploration site therefore for budgeting reasons all exploration locations cannot be done all at once. Janet Watson after further discussion still did not understand the conflict and why a conservation restriction cannot be put on the land. Marie Molla did not want to divulge the locations but Fred St. Ours assured her that they are aware of their concerns and the need to be transparent about the locations where explorations may commence. Marie Molla and Steve Ivas spent some time reviewing land on Bowker Street; parcel # 37-57. Peter Dillon explained if the well exploration does not achieve 200 gallons a minute the work will go away. Bowker is an overburden well that is above bedrock, these are two different kinds of aquifers therefore different explorations. The hill with artifacts is of no interest to the Water Department; there is 30 feet of extra rock which would require pumping the water up that high as well. Scott Macffaden notes he is interested to work with the Town when the time is right for a conservation restriction on Simon Hill. Fred St. Ours agrees we are all on the same page but not ready to draw lines and divide the land prematurely. Peter Dillon noted we could walk away entirely as well based upon

findings. Dave Osborne explained he is pleased how well the Conservation and Water Department work together and is confident a conservation restriction will be placed on the land at some point in time.

3. Steve Ivas motioned to approve minutes as amended, Peter Dillon seconded, all in favor at 5:32pm.
4. Jack McInnis noted the owner of 221 Grove Street - Mr. Marchesiani agreed to \$7k per acre, for a total of 21k purchase price. The Town Planner has the subdivision plan to go to Planning Board on 4/11/18. The discrepancy discovered has been accepted by the resident and Jack McInnis emailed Town Counsel since the terms have now changed. An amendment is what needs to be done; Peter Dillon will respond asking him to prepare the P&S amendment and will inquire who needs to sign the amendment.
5. A vote was taken on a Jannell Ford invoice, Steve Ivas motioned for \$133.00 from water surplus, Fred St. Ours seconded; all in favor 5:38pm.
6. Approve Article 5, Fred St.Ours motioned, Steve Ivas seconded; all in favor 5:39pm.
7. Well #2 status – Jason Federico will do a flow test but Jack McInnis advised not to count on any water out of that well this summer, possibly late summer. Peter Dillon asked what is missing; Jack McInnis informed him the vault is not in place. Peter Dillon asked if we are in need of the water and Jack McInnis advised we are not.
8. Reminder of water restrictions will be placed on town website and NWD facebook page. Ben Margo as administrator of Town website will place the restriction reminder.

9. Jack McInnis noted the new Treatment Facilities Manager is scheduled to start Monday and has his Masters in Mechanical Engineering and this will be his first real job in the water industry. Jack McInnis shared his credentials with the water commissioners noting he is interested in the field and has strong computer skills.
10. DEP sanitary survey results were provided by Jack McInnis. The deficiencies were containment of hydrochloride drums at Grove St. & Washington St. which have no secondary containment; they want it up off the floor and a plan for spillage. The water storage tanks roofs are required to have an inspection annually by certified tank inspector. Jack McInnis explained Utility Services could conduct these types of inspections of the roofs. Fred St. Ours and Steve Ivas suggested a drone could look at the roof of the tanks. The containment system was already on order according to Jack McInnis but it was still included in the report as a deficiency. No violations were found, Jack McInnis was able to identify and address 4-5 things that he took action during the sanitary survey so that they did not find its way into the report. Steve Ivas asked if Jack McInnis would outline the 4-5 items that Jack had resolved and provide them for discussion at the next BOWC meeting.
11. Jack McInnis explained that Jeff Currie is recovering from a medical procedure and under the Currie umbrella Ray is taking over for Jeff during this time. Jack McInnis will ensure insurance coverage; Peter Dillon noted no one else other than Ray has his approval. Steve Ivas noted it could put him out for possibly two months and this should be something to keep in mind when it goes out to bid. Fred St. Ours suggests putting it out to bid a month early, it was also agreed that the work at

Kings Landing will need to go out to bid in light of this (i.e., J. Curries unavailability to do heavy work).

12. The paperwork relative to Lot 9 Mt Blue Street needs clarification because the access road is at the range of 300 Mt Blue. Donna Snow will clarify this address with Galvin & Galvin office on Friday and share with Steve Ivas.

13. Steve motioned to adjourn; Fred Ivas seconded, all in favor at 6:15pm

Items not anticipated 48 hrs. in advance of meeting

Accepted: Steve Ivas Date: 26 April 18