

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable's Hyannis Water Board was held on December 14, 2010 at 3:15 PM in the Growth Management Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

In attendance were Deb Krau, Skip Simpson, Tom Holmes and Peter Cross. Joe Dunn was absent.

Staff present: Hans Keijser, Supervisor, Water Supply Division and Dale Saad, Ph.D., Senior Projects Manager (arrived later).

Also present: Ken Maltese and Mark Lavoie from United Water, Tom Cambareri, Water Resources Program Manager from Barnstable County, Omer Dumais from Tighe & Bond, Howard Finkle, HJM Realty Trust, 148A Cedar Street –Hyannis and Richard Andres.

A quorum being present, Chairman Krau called the meeting to order at 3:26 PM

The Agenda was approved with #8-Abatement Request for HJM Realty Trust being moved up after approval of the minutes, #7-Update on Water Tank being moved up after the Operations Report and #6-Capital –Add Air Stripper Upgrades to our capital plan for FY13 to be deferred to the January meeting.

The Minutes for the November 9, 2010 meeting were reviewed. The board requested resubmission of minutes upon amendments.

**NOTE:** Agenda Item 8 was moved up

Abatement Request, HJM Realty Trust, 148A Cedar Street-Hyannis

Howard Finkle stated that the water usage at the property is normally monitored by him. The buildings on the property are occupied by people in transitional circumstances and section 8 housing. He stated that over the last 3 years up through May 2009, the usage has normally averaged in the high 20's to low 30's. After this point, usage had spiked up to a high of 83 units in one quarter. He mentioned a running toilet issue that was repaired. Although there was a delay on the meter being replaced, findings showed the replaced meter was within range when tested and that the water did go through the meter.

A Motion was made and seconded to Deny the Abatement Request

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. Abatement Request is Denied.**

Krau offered to have someone go out to check for leaks for Finkle. Finkle denied, but did stress his dissatisfaction with the long wait for his meter change.

Operations Report – Lavoie expresses that United Water has hired a company to get more cross-connection surveying and testing done and it is working well. Work orders are being done on time. Contract year #2 is moving along nicely.

The board decided to address Maintenance Deliverables in more detail at the January meeting. The board has requested United Water to furnish a detailed report displaying focus in this area for Contract year #1 & year #2 for January's meeting. United agreed. Keijser noted that pumping is down 6%. Keijser requested a Financial Status Update from Mark Milne for the January meeting. .

Collections: Both Simpson and Cross comment of how the receivables are struggling to improve. Maltese explains that 60% of the receivables that are owed are from the arrears over 120 days. Maltese adds that the numbers are not showing much progress due to “uncollectible, inactive accounts” (due to bankruptcies, etc.). The board suggests that the >120 days past due accounts to be split into 2 groups: “collectable” and “uncollectible”. It is also discussed that these past due accounts have their own category through the Finance Dept., to ease the deciphering of difference between the two groups. It is also said to make sure the Hyannis Water System is on the list for liens. The board requests from United a highlighted column of “Awaiting Property Transfers” to be added to their monthly report to enable the deciphering of the difference and progress on collections and delinquencies. Maltese agrees. The Board suggested for United to access the County records for property transfer information.

**NOTE:** Agenda Item 7 was moved up

Update on Water Tank Project: Tighe & Bond is in the middle of the designing stage. Dumais explains that there will be a SCADA meeting next week, the permitting process is proceeding and by January and February, the design should be ready. Saad expressed that there is an April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to have accepted the bids relative to the SRF program; therefore, they will add to the March agenda to have discussion on the tank bids. It is also noted that the bid opening will need to be scheduled before the March 8<sup>th</sup> Water Board Meeting. Krau requests pictures of the tanks from Dumais for the Town Manager.

County Perchlorate Update: Hyannis Water System has been working with the County in regards to the Perchlorate problem at the Mary Dunn Well #2. Cambareri explains that the county installed a monitoring well detection system, conducted additional weekly sampling and testing after prolonged pumping and there remained a low Perchlorate detection. Although the press published an article claiming that the perchlorate is a result of chlorination, Keijser and United Water claim it is technically and scientifically not possible. Cambareri stated that the perchlorate is not of a workers cause, and thinks it is incidental. Testing will continue to narrow the possible cause from the leach pit and explore any other possible source. Cambareri adds that the Hyannis Water System has arrived to a good spot within the last 2 months with Perchlorate test readings being at very low levels. Keijser adds that if test results prove good over the next couple of months, he will feel comfortable putting the Mary Dunn #2 back online.

CDAG Grant for pipe upgrade on Stevens Street: The town was awarded a 2 Million dollar PWED grant for roads, sidewalks, etc. The Hyannis Water System has old pipe in the area of Stevens Street and High School Road Extension where the PWED grant is focused. Keijser stresses that this project creates an opportunity for the water system as the area is a prime candidate for pipe replacement. He will have Gorenstein, the Water Project Engineer coordinate with the design firm for the project and Seymour, the Engineer from the Growth Management Department, to work with figures and needs. Coordination and cooperation from Ells, Director of the Department of Public Works, Buntich, Director of the Growth Management Department., and King, the Grant Writing Coordinator of the Town of Barnstable will be needed to put together the application for a 1 Million dollar CDAG grant for the water pipe replacement on Stevens Street and High School Road Extension which is planned to be done in conjunction with the PWED project.

Capital –Add Air Stripper Upgrades to our capital plan for FY13 – *deferred to January meeting.*

Abatement Request –

Joseph Conway (*not present*) -6 Main Street –High Water Usage. The meter tested fine and was changed at the residence. The board found that the history of usage varies wildly, shows no trend and that the water bills were normal.

A Motion was made and seconded to deny the Abatement Request

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. Abatement Request is denied.**

Andi Carole (*not present*) -253 Sea Street –Dirty Water. Keijser states that the dirty water could be justified by the construction in the area and her hot water heater.

A Motion was made to deny the Abatement Request. The Abatement was amended to \$13.04 in recognition of construction.

A Motion was made and seconded to approve the Amended Abatement Request for \$13.04

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. Amended Abatement Request is approved.**

Anthony & Heather Cappelle (*not present*) -186 Tobey Way –Dirty Water. The residents claim on their abatement application that due to hydrant flushing, their household water was filled with dirt and debris, resulting in them needing to flush their 2 water tanks multiple times on two separate occasions, one in 4/10 and again in 5/10. June's average usage readings are 30 units. This year's usage was 41 units.

A Motion was made to deny the Abatement Request of 35 units. The Abatement was amended to 11 units of water of the FY '10 water rates, tier #2 in the amount of \$21.69.

A Motion was made and seconded to approve the Amended Abatement Request for \$21.69.

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. Amended Abatement Request is approved.**

New Business –no new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Marcia Sellitto*

*DPW, Water Supply Division -Administrative Assistant*

Materials presented at meeting:

- Meeting Agenda December 14, 2010 (*presented by:* T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- Meeting Minutes for approval 11/9/10 (*presented by:* T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- H.W.B. Monthly Report, November 2010 (*presented by:* United Water)
- Application for Abatement Forms & back-up for the following: HJM Realty Trust, 148A Cedar St-Hyannis, Joseph J. Conway, 6 Main St.-Hyannis, Andi Carole, 20 Sea St.-Hyannis, Anthony & Heather Capelle, 186 Tobey Way-W. Hyannisport (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Revenues, Pumping Projections and Pumping Records Spreadsheets (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Email from Hans Keijser RE: Air stripper work addition to HWS capital plan 2013; and Freecash Approval Notification for Barnstable email via M. Milne (*presented by:* Hans Keijser)
- Air Stripping Tower Inspection Report (*prepared by:* Layne Christensen Company)
- Interim Water Management Act Permit (*prepared by:* DEP)
- Newspaper Clippings