

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable's Hyannis Water Board was held on November 17, 2020 at 3:00 PM remotely via ZOOM (as posted per instructions on the agenda- "Virtual meeting via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98661972647?pwd=N3BBR0tOODIFMEIibFAxc3U5dGJZdz09>, Meeting ID: 986 6197 2647, Passcode: 502097 or by phone: (888)475-4499, meeting ID: 986 6197 2647, passcode: 502097; due to being physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In attendance (On Zoom) were: Steve O'Neil, Tom Holmes, Jonathan Jaxtimer and Mark Sexton.

Staff present (On Zoom): Hans Keijser, Supervisor and Mike Gorenstein, Project Manager- Water Supply Division, Mark Milne, Director, Finance and Gordon Starr, Town Council.

Also present (On Zoom): Mike Leahy and Kevin Sampson from Suez Water, Tom Cambareri, Consultant, Eric Callocchia, NewGen Strategies, Bronwen Walsh, Barnstable Patriot and Sue Phelan, resident.

A quorum being present (On Zoom), Chair O'Neil called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

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VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The Agenda is approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 9/15/20 & 10/20/20 meeting minutes. BARNSTABLE TOWN CLERK

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The 9/15/20 and 10/20/20 meeting minutes are approved.

Operations Report –

Sampson reports that Suez staff started up the new Maher Treatment Plant on the 19th. With rigorous and diligent monitoring, within the first week, most issues were worked out and adjustments made for proper leveling with appropriate persons contacted for quick remediation of any problems.

Sampson informs the board about the following distribution issues and leaks that were repaired:

- New tap and service laid for service at #17 School Street.
- Annual Tank cleaning and inspection was performed at Mary Dunn #1.
- Water main damaged by contractor at the Cape Cod Mall installing a grease trap was repaired.
- 6" water main break at Bearses Way and Hirammar Road was repaired.
- Curb stop replacement at #112 6th Avenue was completed.
- Old abandoned service leak on Ocean Street was repaired after customer call was received.

Keijser adds they are constantly trying to push deliverables for completion. He states that the interim carbon filters have just been winterized for the season and will be restarted in the spring. Keijser informs the board that flushing will commence in the spring with hopes to complete the deliverables in the meantime. O'Neil states his notice of drop-off on phone calls received, Keijser responds that the cease of collections procedures is the cause. Keijser adds that the pumping and billed revenue #'s are still up, but received revenues continue to be down due to a postponement of collections which was put into place due to the COVID situation and the emergency declaration and order by the Governor.

All required monthly reports and sampling were completed and submitted on time.

Open spot for a water board member, resident rate payer, letter of interest to the Town Manager –

O'Neil reports he has spoken with Ells and they may be close to finding a candidate. He asks the board to reach out if anyone knows of any qualified candidates.

Maier Filtration Plant, dedication plaque, follow-up – O’Neil informs the board that this is anticipated to be brought to a vote at this Thursday’s town council meeting.

Eric Callocchia, NewGen Strategies & Solutions, Finalize budget, capital and rates for FY 2022, vote – Callocchia begins by stating that all operating expenses and debt services have been updated in the current model. O’Neil states that Santos is currently working on a subsidy from the airport relative to pollution and something should be in place in the next month. He adds that potential received funds through the Vineyard Wind and short-term rentals should commence in the spring. O’Neil states that Ells would be in favor of a 5% increase in rates and fees. Keijser has Callocchia run different scenarios through the model relative to a 6% or 5% increase. It is determined that Vineyard Wind and short-term rental revenue would be needed in certain amounts and durations although still increasing the current debt service amount. It is determined that receipt of \$500,000/yr. over 10 years revenue from Vineyard Wind AND \$1,000,000/yr. for 5 years could warrant a 6% increase in rates and fees. It is also determined that in order to warrant a 5% increase, receipt of \$500,000/yr. over 10 years revenue from Vineyard Wind AND \$1,000,000/yr. for 10 years would be needed. Questions are raised relative to the tax revenue potential of short-term rentals. Milne responds that currently there is no history data available therefore numbers are unstable for projections due to there being so many “unknowns” especially when considering these short-term funds are to benefit both water supply and wastewater projects. Milne suggests more time to analyze all information currently received, meet and discuss with the town manager and revisit this in December. Callocchia agrees, stating that he is also currently working with the water pollution department on same subject. Sexton asks if the Vineyard Wind funds are locked-in at the \$500,000. Milne responds that he will submit a copy to Hans of the new information relative to new property tax and host agreement payments. Callocchia states he will schedule time with Keijser and Milne to run different scenarios to better determine rate numbers.

FY 2021 Capital Project Timetable (handout given) – Keijser summarizes the handout given as follows:

1. Pipe replacement and Upgrade Program; \$ 750.000 – Keijser explains that a majority of these funds will go towards the extension of the water main on airport property to deter fire flow deficiency in conjunction with the Mass DOT project on Yarmouth Road focusing on the piping to prepare railroad side towards the rotary.
2. Water Supply Wells, Pump Station and Treatment Plant repair and upgrades program; \$150,000 – Keijser explains these funds are utilized for the Project Engineer’s position and major facility upgrades currently being done.
3. Airport and Mary Dunn Wells, Treatment, Pilot Study & conceptual layout; \$300,000 –
4. Hyannis Port, Simmons Pond & Straightway Wells, Treatment, Pilot Study & conceptual layout; \$350,000 – Keijser explains that both #3 and #4 saved monies by selecting the same engineering group for both projects. He adds they are currently working on planning for DEP proposals.

Capital Project Update –

Projects Update -

- The installation of interim carbon filtration units, update – Keijser reports that both systems are being winterized currently because the water flow is needed in the summer, not the winter months.
- New well exploration program, test well drilling is done, next steps – Keijser informs the board that the report will be dispersed to the board soon.
- Mass DOT Rte. 28 / Yarmouth Road Project, update – Keijser informs the board that Mass DOT did receive 1 bid which was extremely high and project was split; railroad work (including water

work) will commence in the next couple of months, whereas the road work portion will be placed back out to bid.

- Mary Dunn 4, replacement well construction, Weston & Sampson, update – Keijser states that an amendment is currently being worked on for this project.
- Maher Filtration Plant, treatment for PFAS, 1, 4 Dioxane and Manganese & Iron, update – Keijser reports that this is completed, in operation and valve to the Yarmouth interconnection has been shut off.
- COMM Permanent Interconnect on Longview Drive, update – Keijser informed the board that the construction contract was awarded to Robert B. Our and will commence soon. He adds this is projected for operation in the spring.
- Independence Drive Project, water main looping from Attucks Lane to Home Depot Plaza – Keijser informed the board that easement and legal issues are still currently being worked on. He is hopeful the connection will be installed soon.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the chair – O’Neil shares with the board of report results he received today relative to PFAS negative effect on immunization response and effectiveness. He adds that it also shows how children’s antibody concentrations are decreased. Keijser reiterates how Silent Spring has wanted to test Hyannis residents relative to this issue. He adds that this information and report findings are news all over the country and he is thankful for the board for getting the GAC filters in place. O’Neil adds that Biden has promised to look into and work at classifying PFAS as “hazardous substances”, therefore, some federal monies may be coming in the future for remediation.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Sellitto

DPW, Water Supply Division –Administrative Assistant

Materials presented at meeting:

- Meeting Agenda November 17, 2020 (*presented by: T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.*)
- Meeting Minutes for approval 9/15/2020 &10/20/2020 (*presented by: T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.*)
- H.W.B. Monthly Report, October 2020 (*presented by: Suez Water*)
- FY '21 Pumping Projection spreadsheets, dated 11/12/2020 (*presented by: Hans Keijser*)
- Billed and Received Revenue Projection-FY'21, dated 11/12/2020 (*presented by: Hans Keijser*)
- Copy of Hyannis Water System Rate Model v4, dated 10/30/2020 from NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC (*presented by: Hans Keijser*)
- Copy of Hyannis Water System Rate Model v4, dated 11/10/2020 from NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC (*presented by: Hans Keijser*)
- Copy of Pipe Replacement Program Results, from Michael Gorenstein, dated 10/9/2020 (*presented by: Hans Keijser*)
- Copy of CIP FY21 Work Plan, dated 11/12/2020 (*presented by: Hans Keijser*)
- Newspaper clippings (*presented by: Hans Keijser*)