

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable's Hyannis Water Board was held on January 21, 2020 at 3:00 PM in the Planning & Development Conference Room, 367 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hyannis, MA.

In attendance were: Steve O'Neil, Jonathan Jaxtimer, Tom Holmes, Harold Tobey and Mark Sexton.

Staff present: Hans Keijser, Supervisor, Water Supply Division and Nate Collins, P.E., Assistant Town Engineer.

Also present: Mike Leahy, Suez Water; Tom Cambareri, consultant; Bronwen Walsh, Barnstable Patriot; and residents Steve Seymour and Sue Phelan.

A quorum being present, Chair O'Neil called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

A motion was made and seconded to move the approval of the 12/17/19 meeting minutes to the 2/18/20 meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. 12/17/19 meeting minutes will be voted on at the 2/18/20 meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The amended agenda is approved.

Operations Report:

Michael Leahy, Project Manager at Suez, informs the Board that Maher and Straightway tanks were taken out of service for annual cleaning then placed back in service. He also reported that on 12/5/19 the lead carbon filter at Mary Dunn 3 was exchanged then placed back in service.

Leahy informed the Board of the following system leaks and issues during December 2019:

- 4" fire line replaced at 213 Ocean Street (Hyannis Harbor Hotel) on 12/5/19
- Hydrant (formerly inaccessible due to wetlands) relocated at Dunns Pond Road
- Curb stop replaced at 138 Ocean Street (Spanky's Clam Shack)
- Leaking 6" valve replaced at the intersection of Cedar Street and Main Street as a night job due to number of residents and businesses affected

Leahy reported the following building and equipment maintenance issues addressed in December 2019:

- Security control failed and modem replaced by Comcast at Mary Dunn 3
- Boiler repaired by Riedell & Son at the shop at 47 Old Yarmouth Road
- Sample tap excavated and repaired at Maher tank
- Motorized gate at Maher Treatment Facility stopped working and was fixed by fence contractor then the same contractor was sent to Straightway Facility to adjust the limit switch and tighten the chain to prevent the same issue from occurring there

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

Leahy mentions that the carbon vessels for the new Maher Filtration Plant have arrived. Leahy provided an overview of the deliverables and notes that his staff has been working overtime. He adds that the new employee has been moved to collections to try to adjust the trend of late payments and increasing payment delinquencies.

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Suez – Contract obligations for preventative maintenance:

Keijser reiterates that Suez has been focusing on deliverables and although they are behind in other areas such as flushing, they are catching up with staff working overtime. O'Neil expects them to be fully caught up by the 2/18/20 meeting.

Operating budget, capital and rates for FY2021, update:

Keijser explains that three different rate options generated from modeling were presented to Town Manager Ells but he did not approve of any option. The rate consultant is running a new option that will be presented along with a final recommendation at the 2/18/20 meeting. The Board will then vote. Keijser adds that the proposed operating budget and proposed CIPs will be affected and will see reductions.

O'Neil states that he would like to maintain reasonable rate increases and adds that the three options presented were not acceptable. O'Neil continues to meet with Ells to find funds and adds that this year might be the most challenging yet, noting high five year projected expenses.

Capital Projects Update:

- The installation of interim carbon filtration units, update – Keijser reports that bids were opened today, with one above budget and one within budget. He notes that the purchase and installation of shed was pulled out of the original bid to expedite the process as he would like to move the project forward as quickly as possible.
- New well exploration program and test well drill plan, update – Keijser informs the Board that the Conservation Commission would like a different entry path to be pursued for the West Barnstable site. Keijser hopes to get a rig in this week with drilling completed by the end of April. After that, water quality laboratory tests will be performed followed by an evaluation of options and a recommendation report by the end of the summer.
- Mass DOT Route 28/Yarmouth Road Project, update – Keijser states the project is out to bid, no further updates.
- Mary Dunn 4, replacement well construction, Weston & Sampson, update – Keijser informs the Board that the screen arrived yesterday and is being assembled with packing already being placed today.
- Maher Filtration Plant, treatment for PFAS, 1, 4 Dioxane, Manganese and Iron, update – Keijser shares that things are moving along as planned; generator and electrical room construction has begun and concrete slab completion is expected next week.
- Cleaning & Lining job on Main Street East, Phase 2, construction update – Keijser states that the cleanup will begin in the spring.
- COMM Permanent Interconnect on Longview Drive, update – Keijser informs the Board that the project is currently being reviewed by DPW Admin and he expects bids by late spring (April). Keijser shares that he will send neighborhood residents the project plan that specifically includes their input.

Nate Collins – SRF project update:

Collins explains that the SRF (State Revolving Fund) generally provides funding assistance with loans. He informs the Board that the application for assistance for the Interim Carbon Filters project is complete in the amount of \$2.8M. He has a call with DEP 1/22/20 to discuss next steps and notes that he has a couple questions for Keijser regarding the filters prior to the call. Final submittal is expected by the end of week.

Sexton asks about the decision timeframe and Collins answers that his contact is quick, typically responding within a couple days. He expects to hear back with a decision by the 2/18/20 meeting.

Keijser adds that although this isn't typical of the process, due to the urgency of this project, the Town has proceeded and is asking for reimbursement from SRF.

Questions:

Walsh asks about the impact of Mary Dunn 4 and Keijser answers that the effect will be additional output and notes that it will be filtered along with other Mary Dunn wells.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

Keijser mentions the USGS report on modeled impact of new wells on Fish & Wildlife land. He shares that the impact is generally positive because it will decrease changes in Mary Dunn Pond levels and doesn't draw down as much. The full report is posted on the DPW Water Supply Division part of the Town's web site.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Boley

DPW, Water Supply Division – Project Engineer

Materials presented at meeting:

- Meeting Agenda 1/21/20 (presented by: T.O.B.-DPW, Water Supply Div.)
- H.W.B. Monthly Reports, December 2019 (presented by: Suez Water)
- FY '20 Pumping Projection spreadsheets, dated 1/15/20 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Proposed Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2021, dated 12/27/19 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Memorandum from Weston & Sampson, re: Barnstable New Source Exploration Program Test Well Locations and Access, dated 12/16/19 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of abstract from Scientific Investigations Report 2019-5121 prepared by USGS in cooperation with the Town of Barnstable, *Simulated Water-Table and Pond-Level Responses to Proposed Public Water-Supply Withdrawals in the Hyannis Ponds Wildlife Management Area, Barnstable, Massachusetts* (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Town of Barnstable Newsletter Issue 51, dated 12/20/19 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Town of Barnstable Newsletter Issue 52, dated 1/10/20 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Cape Cod Times article, *Review of major hospital expansion begins*, dated 1/10/20 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Cape Cod Times article, *House passes bill to create PFAS task force*, dated 12/20/19 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Cape Cod Times article, *Dennis bans herbicide on town property*, dated 1/9/20 (presented by: Hans Keijser)
- Copy of Cape Cod Times article, *Falmouth residents voice asbestos concerns*, dated 1/15/20 (presented by: Hans Keijser)