MEETING OF THE ORLEANS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERSTOWN CLERKS OFFICE July 1, 2009

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A meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, July 1, 2009 in the Nauset Room, Town Hall:

Those present were Victor Noerdlinger, Robert Rich, Kenneth McKusick, Hank Schumacher and Ann Hodgkinson of the Board, Lou Briganti, Water Superintendent.

Victor Noerdlinger called the Board of Water Commissioners meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Alan McClennen of the Open Space Committee came to seek support for the purchase of 22.5 acres of land off Route 39 in Brewster within the Zone II of all of the Town of Orleans drinking water wells. The proposed purchase price is \$750,000 with 50% being paid by the State, 25% paid by the Town of Brewster and 25% or \$187,500.00 paid by the Town of Orleans.

A motion was made by Hank Schumacher seconded by Kenneth McKusick to support the purchase and recommend that the Open Space Committee and the Board of Selectmen move forward. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

MINUTES

Ann Hodgkinson made a motion seconded by Kenneth McKusick to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2009 as written. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DEP DRINKING WATER AWARD

On June 25, 2009, the Orleans Water Department received an award for being one of the top 5% water utilities in the State for 2008.

A motion was made by Kenneth McKusick seconded by Robert Rich to applaud the Water Department staff and their continued effort to be one of the best in the State. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

COMMITMENTS/ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS

A motion was made by Kenneth McKusick seconded by Ann Hodgkinson to commit for the month of June 2009 to rate \$0.00, to services \$920.00, to usage \$0.00, to installations \$1,603.92 and to added billing \$0.00. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:55 p.m., a motion was made by Ann Hodgkinson and seconded by Hank Schumacher to adjourn the meeting. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

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MA DEP

The Water Department reveceived the **2009 Massachusetts Public Drinking Water Award** for work performed in calendar year 2008. This recognizes Orleans as having one of the top 5% of the best Water Utilities in the State. Staff attended the awards ceremony on June 25th.

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(MassDEP) honored 25 public water systems

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The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) honored 25 public water systems in a ceremony at the Bristol County Agricultural High School in Dighton. The systems received a Massachusetts Public Drinking Water Award, which recognizes public water systems for outstanding performance in 2008.

MassDEP Deputy Commissioner Gary Moran awarded the winning systems with a certificate of outstanding performance and a Governor's Citation signed by Governor Deval Patrick.

"There are 1,743 public drinking water systems in the Commonwealth that provide nearly 500 million gallons of safe, clean drinking water to our citizens each day," Moran said. "Today, we recognize water suppliers that have exceeded the state requirements for compliance and have done a spectacular job of delivering premium drinking water."

The winning systems were chosen based on their compliance with state drinking water regulations. The winners had no monitoring enforcements or violations, submitted all required reports on time, adhered to good water management procedures, and have excellent source protection standards.

"This is the 17th year that the Massachusetts Water Works Association (MWWA) has collaborated with members of the water community to sponsor these awards," said Paul Howard, president of MWWA. "It's a day to celebrate the professionals who work so hard to make our water fit to drink. Thanks to their efforts, we enjoy the highest standards of water quality of any nation on earth."

Water systems in Framingham, Gloucester and Springfield were awarded the STARL (Systems Taking Action to Reduce Lead) Award, which recognizes the collaborative efforts

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of public water systems and school systems to eliminate lead sources from the water.

Two water departments, Sharon and Westford, were presented Water Conservation awards for their outstanding ability to keep unaccounted-for water and per capita water usage to a minimum.

A new award, for energy conservation, was presented to the Cambridge Water Department for its exemplary efforts to conserve energy in a drinking water facility.

The following drinking water systems received awards:

Non-transient Non-community System Green Meadows School, Hampden

Small Community Systems

Cheshire Water Department; East Northfield Water Company; West Brookfield Water Department

Medium and Large Community Systems

Bridgewater Water Department; Dartmouth Water Department; Easton Water Division; Halifax Water Department; Harwich Water Department; Mashpee Water District; Newburyport Water Department; Orange Water Department; Orleans Water Department; and Westford Water Department

Consecutive Systems

Boston Water and Sewer Commission; Lynnfield Water District; North Dighton Fire District; Reading Water District; and Rings Island Water District

Energy Conservation Cambridge Water Department

Conservation Award

Sharon Water Department; Westford Water Department

Small System Security Award Dunstable Water Department

STARL Award

Framingham Public Schools and Framingham Water Department; Gloucester Public Schools and Gloucester DPW Water Department; and The Children's Study Home and Springfield Water and Sewer Commission

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills, and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.