

**MEETING OF THE ORLEANS
BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

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WORKS OFFICE

A meeting of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was held Wednesday, November 18, 2009 in the Nauset Room, Town Hall:

Those present were Kenneth McKusick, Robert Rich, Ann Hodgkinson and Jimmy Dishner of the Board, associate member Ken Rowell, Mark Carron, Board of Selectmen liaison, Lou Briganti, Water Superintendent. Absent was Judith Bruce of the Board and Leonard Short associate member.

Kenneth McKusick called the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

TAXPAYER COMMENTS

John Wherry, former member of the Board of Water Commissioners, came before the Board disturbed at the probable agreement with MTC and urged them to reconsider. He reminded several members of the Board that they had once declared never to work with MTC again.

The Board informed Mr. Wherry that the proposed relationship is different than the previous one. The Board assured him that they would review the rights and obligations of the contract because they did not want any surprises but were otherwise willing to take MTC's grant money.

WIND ENERGY

John Jannell was present to provide an update to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners regarding the municipal wind turbine project.

- Grant Program – The town submitted the grant application along with a letters of support from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. Awards should be early January 2010.

MINUTES

Jimmy Dishner made a motion seconded by Ann Hodgkinson to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 4, 2009 as amended. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Monthly Statistical Report
- Monthly Budget Report

OLD BUSINESS

NSTAR – HERBICIDE USE IN WATERSHED

Louis Briganti is waiting for an opinion from Attorney Michael Ford regarding whether or not the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners could prevent NSTAR from using

herbicides in the watershed.

METER PITS

The Orleans Water Department will mail letters to meter pit owners warning of potential leaks, their consequences and the option to purchase a meter monitor.

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT: RGPCD

Congresswomen, Sarah Peake was present for a meeting at the State House. This appears to be a dead issue at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

WASTEWATER REGULATIONS

Jimmy Dishner will gather information and compare structure of water/wastewater rules and regulations from Provincetown, Barnstable and Chatham to bring before the Board at their regularly scheduled meeting on January 6, 2010.

SUBCOMMITTEES

The Board was given an opinion from Town Counsel, Michael Ford regarding open meeting laws with regards to subcommittees.

OTHER BUSINESS

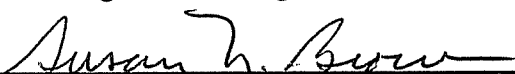
COMMITMENTS/ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS

A motion was made by Leonard Short seconded by Ann Hodgkinson to refund \$152.32 from account #762 to the Town of Orleans Tax Collector to cover a check that was used to pay water charges and returned "account closed". The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:47 p.m., a motion was made by Jimmy Dishner and seconded by Robert Rich to adjourn the meeting. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners