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**MEETING OF THE ORLEANS
BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 21, 2012**

A meeting of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was held Wednesday, March 21, 2012 in the Nauset Room, Town Hall:

Those present were Robert Rich and Leonard Short, of the Board, associate members Joseph Cardito and John Meyer, Sims McGrath, Selectmen liaison and Susan Brown and Todd Bunzick of the Water Department. Absent were Kenneth McKusick, Kenneth Rowell and Judith Bruce of the Board.

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

CVEC SOLAR PROJECT

John Jannell, representative to the Cape and Vineyard Electrical Cooperative (CVEC) gave a brief presentation regarding the status of the second round for the ground mounted solar energy project for six sites offered in Orleans. Four of the five sites in the watershed were disqualified because they were too small and fragmented. The one 3.5 acre site in the watershed from the fire road to the capped landfill is still considered a viable site.

John Jannell is looking for the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners approval to move forward with the project and include an article in the 2012 May Town Meeting for relief from Article 97 protection to use the property for solar development.

A motion was made by Leonard Short seconded by Joseph Cardito to recommend moving forward with the project in concept and prepare a Town Meeting Article seeking relief from Article 97 for a solar renewable energy project in the watershed. The vote by the Board was 4-0-0.

MINUTES

On a motion by Leonard Short seconded by John Meyer the Board voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2012 as written. The vote by the Board was 4-0-0.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 20-YR PERMIT RENEWAL

Todd and Susan met with Tighe and Bond Engineering to discuss our proposed permit renewal. Their opinion was that we had already done everything possible and added that our request was not unreasonable. We will be meeting with BCWUA early April to discuss as group.

The Board suggested requesting a meeting with DEP to discuss the volumes proposed for our permit renewal.

WILDFIRE

The Orleans Water Department has completed all its paperwork and should be issued an initial \$7,500.00 check from Barnstable County. The grant money will be used for signage, mapping, fencing and fire road clearing.

The National Park Service has been in contact with Todd Bunzick and plans to complete a prescribed burn in the watershed when conditions are appropriate.

TANK #2 PAINTING AND REHABILITATION

A pre-bid meeting was held Thursday March 15, 2012. The engineer is confident that we will receive competitive bids at our bid opening scheduled for March 30, 2012.

MEMBRANE REPLACEMENT

Replacement is scheduled to begin Monday March 26, 2012. We are still awaiting delivery of the membrane modules. The trucking company attempted delivery on Monday but had to be refused because the truck was not equipped with a lift gate.

FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

The Board was presented with a copy of the departments financial forecast updated with the February 2012 billing actual. The second half billing was slightly better than anticipated though not enough to make up for losses in the August 2011 billing. The Board will continue to monitor these projections closely for decisions regarding proposed annual rate increases.

The projections also reflected lower annual bond payments for the iron and manganese treatment plant due to a recent refinancing.

LETTER, 261 TONSET ROAD

The Water Department received a very nice letter regarding their outstanding performance in repairing a leak at 261 Tonset Road.

CCR DRAFT

The Board was presented with a rough draft of the proposed CCR. The Board requested minor changes to the Source Water Assessment section of the report. The Board wished to include language about the recent Hess station upgrades to the tanks bringing them up to current specifications.

OLD BUSINESS

EASTHAM

Robert Rich and Judith Bruce attended a meeting of the Eastham Board of Selectmen. It was a well attended meeting of the general public and included the Eastham Town Administrator and representatives from Environmental Partners Group. Robert Rich

challenged Eastham to compare data point by point to determine where proposed cost differences occur. The bottom line of \$250 per year per household is roughly the same as Orleans yet the price to produce the water differs greatly. Eastham needs to find value in our offer, show interest and request a price per gallon if they are committed to purchasing water from Orleans.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITMENTS / ABATEMENTS/ REFUNDS

A motion was made by Leonard Short seconded by John Meyer to commit for the month of February 2012 to rate \$1,047,291.57, to services \$440.00, to usage \$0.00, to installations \$2,942.88 and to added billing \$1,360.15. The vote by the Board was 4-0-0.

14 SEACREST

The Board received a request from 14 Seacrest Drive asking for assistance with a large water bill resulting from two toilet leaks which after attempting to repair were finally just replaced at great expense to the homeowner.

A motion was made by John Meyer seconded by Joseph Cardito to offer an interest free payment agreement to the owner of 14 Seacrest Drive. The vote by the Board was 3-0-1 with Leonard Short abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:48 p.m., a motion was made by Leonard Short and seconded by Judith Bruce to adjourn the meeting. The vote by the Board was 4-0-0.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED

1. Minutes February 15, 2012
2. March 14, 2012 Memo John Jannell regarding CVEC Solar Project in Orleans
3. March Water Department Report including 2nd half Financials
4. February 25, 2012 Letter 261 Tonset Road
5. Draft CCR
6. February 21, 2012 Letter from Eastham Board of Selectmen regarding Municipal Water
7. Commitments February 2012
8. March 6, 2012 Letter from 14 Seacrest Drive

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Secretary, Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners