

**MEETING OF THE ORLEANS
BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 18, 2012**

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A meeting of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was held Wednesday, April 18, 2012 in the Nauset Room, Town Hall:

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

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

MINUTES

On a motion by Leonard Short seconded by Joseph Cardito the Board voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2012 as amended. The vote by the Board was 4-0-1.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 20-YR PERMIT RENEWAL

The Board was provided with a copy of the December 28, 2011 letter from Duane LeVangie of MADEP along with a copy of the proposed 20-year Water Management Act Permit renewal for Orleans Water Department.

At the Boards suggestion, Todd Bunzick and Susan Brown attended a conference call with Duane LeVangie and Jen Durso of MADEP for clarification of several aspects of the proposed permit. Todd Bunzick gave a report to the Board regarding that conversation.

- The proposed 1.02 MGD can be used by any combination of our wells. The registered 0.86 MGD is not limited to wells 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 and the permitted 0.16 MGD is not limited to wells 6, 7 and 8.
- A provision of 0.50 MGD will be included in the permit in case Orleans has the opportunity to provide Eastham with water.
- The 0.06 MGD buffer can be applied to any period in the 20-year permit and is not restricted to years 16-20.
- MADEP has a policy which allows exceeding a permit up to 0.10 MGD.

The Board suggested sending a follow-up letter to Duane LeVangie to clarify the understandings of the conversation.

The Board requested a special meeting on Wednesday April 25, 2012 to discuss the 20-year permit renewal and the SWMI report.

SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE

The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners were provided with a "draft" copy of the Massachusetts Sustainable Water Management Initiative dated February 3, 2012. This report is a proposed condition of our 20-year permit.

Should the Orleans Water Department exceed its baseline volumes, which as calculated we should exceed by 0.03 MGD, they would be required to develop an offset feasibility study.

MEMBRANE REPLACEMENT

Replacement of the membranes in rack #3 was completed the week ending March 30, 2012. We are currently working with Pall to make changes to the SCADA to represent all three racks being micro-filtration rather than a mix of ultra and micro.

MAY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Todd Bunzick and Susan Brown will be presenting the \$10.00 demand fee as proposed for the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Meeting at a May 2, 2012 Public Hearing at 7:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS

CHAPTER 196 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Susan Brown informed the Board that she will provide an updated draft of the regulations for review as soon as time permits.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITMENTS/ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS

48 GIBSON ROAD

Dennis Giaquinto paid his bill twice in error in the amount of \$254.46. He sent a check forgetting that he had signed up for auto payment for his water bill.

A motion was made by Judith Bruce seconded by Kenneth McKusick to refund \$254.46 to Dennis Giaquinto. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

The Board was surprised to learn about the department's automatic payment options as well as the paperless billing option for their water bills.

ORLEANS HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Orleans Housing Authority was granted an interest free payment agreement by the Board February 2011 and \$629.76 was applied to interest in error.

69 CHAMPLAIN ROAD

A meter reading error for account #843 created a billing difference of \$101.07. Reading of 63,000 should have been 32,860 gallons.

A motion was made by Leonard Short seconded by Judith Bruce to abate \$101.07 from account #843 and \$629.76 from interest. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:39 p.m., a motion was made by Judith Bruce and seconded by Kenneth McKusick to adjourn the meeting. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED

1. Minutes March 21, 2012
2. December 28, 2011 Letter from Duane LeVangie of MADEP
3. February 3, 2012 Draft Massachusetts Sustainable Water Management Initiative Report
4. February 25, 2012 Letter 261 Tonset Road
5. Refund request April 18, 2012 \$254.46
6. Abatement request \$101.07 Account #843
7. Abatement request \$629.76 Account #815

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Secretary, Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners