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## Town of Carver

# North Carver Water District Commission

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Meeting minutes for December 11, 2023, The North Carver Water District Commissioners met, today, at the Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room #4, 108 Main Street, Carver, Massachusetts.

This meeting is also being videotaped and rebroadcast by Area 58 TV.

Attendees: Mike Palimeri, Chairman, Eric Mueller, Vice Chairman

Absent:

Also present: Stephen Bachand, Greg and Kim from SWSS, via Phone

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM, by Mr. Palimeri

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### Update from Small Water Systems Services -

- Water Operator Report – As of last Friday, we are turned onto Middleborough water and the plant is offline. Mr. Palimeri – You will still cycle the plant weekly, correct? Will testing continue? Kim – Correct. The state has given us a new water quality sample schedule to abide by on the Middleboro supply. Most of the things we sample Carver for are not required while we are on Middleboro. There will be monthly bacteria sampling and disinfection by product sampling. Mr. Palimeri – Regarding the emergency plan, DEP is saying that we still need to do that. I will reach out to Emergency Management in Carver and see what we can come up with. Mr. Mueller – Any requirement for testing? Kim – There is a required sampling from the North Carver Water District Plant, while the interconnect is open and you are on Middleboro water; we can discuss taking samples for process control but there is nothing required from the state. Mr. Palimeri – I still want to move forward about seeing who is responsible for finding the valve in the street. Greg – Middleboro had old plans from when they used to run the North Carver Water District. They have found the valve and we are now able to run that hydrant. This all happened late last week. Mr. Palimeri – Now meetings with other Carver departments can occur to discuss what monies we may consider spending in the near and distant future for cycling the plant and getting Viola to come here to simulate the plant and figure out what it can do. We will keep you informed as you will be the ones doing it. That is when analytics will be needed. Kim – How often would you like us sampling Manganese and Iron? Mr. Palimeri – I need other people in Town involved to figure that out. I would assume we won't do anything until January/February. I have meetings scheduled for this week, with people that are part of this committee. Is there anything else that we need to do in regard to the plant from your conversation with DEP and Mike Bumpus?

Kim – The DEP stated there were a few things that Jim McLaughlin was concerned about. He was going to write it up and send it over; that was around Thanksgiving, but I haven't received anything. My only conversations with Jim have been to coordinate sampling dates. Mr. Palimeri – I did speak with Jim McLaughlin, about a week ago. He mentioned that it would have to go to his boss so there would be a delay in getting it. He said to expect it in about a month.

Mr. Palimeri - Bad meters, new meters and backflows will still be addressed by SWSS; keep us in the loop. Mr. Mueller – Is there anything we should be prepared for at the plant where it is sitting stagnant, other than the 1X cycle per week? Iron and Manganese build up that could be detrimental to the plant. Kim – It's difficult to say, but it shouldn't be an issue. When not in use, the trains are sitting in a hypo-chemical clean. Mr. Mueller – Let us know if anything comes up. I am concerned about water just sitting in the system.

**Public Comments:**

*All statements made during the Citizen's Participation Public Comment Period should be kept to a maximum of five minutes per person –*

Nothing tonight

**Discussion between NCWD, Town of Carver and Town of Middleborough for Middleborough to provide water for the short-term solution to water quality:**

Mr. Palimeri – As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, we went onto Middleborough water. The DEP was involved; the short term is only set for 6 months. We will be working to see if it is a viable solution to go on fulltime. If that were to happen, Middleborough would absorb our water system.

Mr. Palimeri – There will be meetings after the first of the year, these meetings will include the Town of Carver, the North Carver Water District and the Town of Middleborough.

**Water Service Application:**

Mr. Mueller – I have the draft and will send it to Jill tomorrow. Mr. Palimeri - We will revisit this at the January meeting.

**Bottled water reimbursement end date due to the Town now being on Middleborough Water:**

Mr. Palimeri – We discussed this at the last meeting and designated tonight to be the end date of accepting those requests. We have one request for tonight. I will make sure that Jill knows the program has ended.

**Bottled Water Refund Request:**

- 32 Santana Way

*Motion to authorize reimbursement for bottled water and filter purchase for 32 Santana Way, in the amount of \$284.14: Mr. Mueller  
Second: Mr. Palimeri*

Discussion:

*Approved: Unanimous (2-0)*

**Bills Payable:**

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*Motion to pay the bills in Batch #1, in the amount of \$ 6,250.00: Mr. Palimeri  
Second: Mr. Mueller*

Discussion: Contractual monthly fee from SWSS for the NCWD. Our Contract with SWSS will need to be modified. Currently the contract requires their services for 4 hours per day, 365 days a year. That would no longer be necessary.

*Approved: Unanimous (2-0)*

*Motion to pay the bills in Batch #2, in the amount of \$ 7,795.40: Mr. Palimeri  
Second: Mr. Mueller*

Discussion: Utilities, phone, legal fees, misc. Mr. Palimeri – I am interested to see what our electric bill will look like going forward, while the plant is dormant.

*Approved: Unanimous (2-0)*

**Minutes: November 14, 2023:**

*Motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2023, as written: Mr. Mueller  
Second: Mr. Palimeri*

Discussion:

*Approved: Unanimous (2-0)*

**Board Member Comments:**

- Mr. Palimeri – Nothing tonight
- Mr. Mueller - Nothing tonight

**Next Meeting:**

- Our next meeting will be held on January 8, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

**Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman, 48-hours in advance of the posting of this agenda:**

Nothing tonight

**Adjournment:**

*Motion to adjourn was made at 5:28 PM: Mr. Palimeri  
Second: Mr. Mueller  
Approved: Unanimous (2-0)*