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Town of Carver

North Carver Water District Commission

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Meeting minutes for March 11, 2024, 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, SWSS, via Phone

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

Taken out of order at Chairmans discretion (waiting on SWSS to call in)

Water Service Application:

Mr. Palimeri – We have been looking at this for a while. There was some additional information that needed to be added. There is a rate change. I did add a line item that requires any one of the elected Water Commissioners to be notified when there is a new service application. As Middleboro is now providing us water, they would also like to come over and do a trench inspection before a new water service is buried. It should be ready for our next meeting.

Update from Small Water Systems Services – Mr. Bachand

- Water Operator Report –
Mr. Bachand – Nothing new to report. We check on the plant and run it. Since the last meeting, we did do meter reads.
- Cross connection survey at ohDEER -

Mr. Palimeri – Were you aware of the Cross Connect Survey being done at ohDEER? Mr. Bachand – I am not aware. Mr. Palimeri – Kim was aware. Middleboro did a Cross Connect Survey at ohDEER – There were two storage tanks in the garage that were supposed to be dry storage only. It was determined that they would need a backflow preventative device on both of them. It will go over to you so that in the future, it will go on the Cross Connect program. They may reach out to you

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to do the initial test. I have provided the information to Carver's Building Department and put it into the hands of the plumbing inspector for the permit to do the plumbing work by the plumber of their choice.

Mr. Palimeri - I have been in contact with the DEP regarding the Actionable Violations that are outstanding. They are making progress, which would release the recommendations on what they would like to see us do as far as engineering studies at the plant. It's a slow process but is moving faster than expected.

Mr. Palimeri – The meter read you did recently were for ASRs. We will have another meter read for billing, coming up within the next month. Kathy from Billing will get ahold of you.

- Backflow Preventative Device –
One or two is being installed at ohDEER.
- Repair/replace various water meters -

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.

Computer upgrades and cyber security:

Mr. Palimeri – I spoke with the Town's IT person. The Town has agreed that we will purchase computer upgrades for the plant. The IT department has questions, proprietary stuff with Suez or Viola. I did send an email to Kim from SWSS; I will follow up with her.

Ongoing Verizon bill issue – name on account:

There is also an ongoing issue with a Verizon account that has Mike Woollum's name on it. I did email Kim from SWSS, on this. Mr. Blanchard – This is an issue going back to the former commissioners. We did speak with Mike Woollum and he thought it was taken care of two years ago. When Mike calls they tell him there is nothing under his name. Mr. Palimeri – If Mike Woollum could add someone to the account, that would give us the ability to handle the situation. I would prefer it be Jill Martins but I will check with her to see who makes the most sense.

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 – I have spoken with Mike Bumpus in Middleboro. One of their concerns is with the Cross Connect program. They would like the Town of Carver/NCWD to keep on top of this. There was an event with a company that installed tanks that were not permitted. They are in the process installing Backflow Preventative devices on those tanks.

Mr. Mueller – Did Middleboro request surveys from all the Commercial properties? Mr. Palimeri – I am not sure. The reason this was discovered was due to unusual usage. Middleboro went in and looked around and based on that review, they put in a request for a Cross Connect Survey, which was done by the certified person in Middleboro. The issues will be fixed and the North Carver Water District will have those backflows added to the cross connect program. Mr. Mueller – Is that annual? Mr. Palimeri – Depending on the usage and type of backflow; some are six months and some are every year. There are a total of 19 properties on the Cross Connect Program, of which 13 or 14 are tied into the NCWD.

- Mr. Palimeri – As a courtesy, Mike Bumpus called to tell me that the Town of Middleboro is in the process of a rate hike across the Board. This pertains to anyone that is on their system. In our case, each resident that is receiving water from Middleboro through the NCWD is being billed by us, not Middleboro.

Bills Payable:

*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.

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

*Motion to pay the bills in Batch #2, in the amount of \$ 5,887.44: Mr. Palimeri
Second: Mr. Mueller*

Discussion: Utilities, phone, legal fees, misc. There should not be any labor charges for meter reads, inspections, etc.; that should all (\$120.08) be coming out of \$6250 monthly fee. We need to subtract \$120.08 from SWSS invoice. The new amount for SWSS should be \$1,259.45.

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

Minutes: February 12, 2024:

*Motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2024, as written: Mr. Mueller
Second: Mr. Palimeri*

Discussion:

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

Board Member Comments:

- Mr. Palimeri – I will follow up with Kim and Jill about the adjustment to the invoice.
- Mr. Mueller - Nothing tonight

Next Meeting:

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

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

Mr. Mueller – Has anyone talked with Mike Bumpus regarding fire issues? Any issues for water supply? Mr. Palimeri – I spoke with Chief Weston. For now, we are going to leave it as is. If the Chief deems it is necessary, he will notify Mike Bumpus.

Adjournment:

*Motion to adjourn was made at 5:25 PM: Mr. Palimeri
Second: Mr. Mueller
Approved: Unanimous (2-0)*