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## Town of Carver

# North Carver Water District Commission

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Meeting minutes for January 8, 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, Kim from SWSS, via Phone; Tom Bott, Town Planner

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

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### Update from Small Water Systems Services -

- Water Operator Report –

Mr. Bachand - We have chemically treated the Trains to give them a little use.

Kim – We are awaiting instruction from you about doing other maintenance. This would be a good time to clean out the storage tank. Mr. Palimeri – I don't want to do that just yet. We are awaiting instruction from the DEP. We have financials to consider; we only have a specific amount to work with and don't know what the best use of those resources will be until we get that report. When I last spoke to Jim McLaughlin; it was at least a week out.

- Repair/Replace various water meters –

Mr. Palimeri - I don't know if maybe we could look at doing some meter replacements for some of the residential properties. Kim – We can do that. We need a list of addresses and other information. Mr. Palimeri – The most accurate list that I have found is from when Middleborough had the water system, before there was a North Carver Water District. Those would actually be the oldest meters that were put in; sometime during the 90's. Between Amanda, Jill and myself we can get something to you.

Mr. Palimeri – Regarding the meter at Oh' Deer; is that a meter that SWSS put in or was that a private plumber? Mr. Bachand – I believe it was their plumber; I took the number off of what was installed.

Mr. Palimeri – The owner should have provided all of that information. The meter information was not provided to the Town. Mr. Bachand – It does seem like a lot of this information that is missing was given to Mr. Forgue. Mr. Palimeri – I did see a water line being installed on Plymouth Street just the other day. Mr. Bachand – Yes, Page installed, I inspected and we are waiting for the okay to install a meter.

- Water Usage –

Mr. Palimeri – We spoke a few months ago regarding our usage of water from the customer base. The way I was going to do that is no longer legal to do it that way. Basically, it would be between 300-320 bedrooms multiplied by 120 gals per day, per bedroom is about 38,000 - 42,000 gallons per day. That is for residential; I cannot calculate for the Commercial side. Mr. Mueller – Are you looking for consumption per day? Kim – No I am looking for a census. The DEP does their total Coliform plan based on a summer and a winter census. The reason the state is looking for this is because one of the coliform plans they had, had the district population less than 100 people and then they had another one but it went up to 600 people. That large difference changes how many routine samples we would have to take in a month. in regard to coliform. Mr. Palimeri – I went to the Town Clerk and they can not divulge that information to me. We can't use the census so I am going with an average of 3 ½ bedrooms per unit at 120 gals per bedroom. Mr. Palimeri – I can say for sure there are more than 300 people, just on my street alone. Mr. Mueller - Does the DEP have a form that shows the requirements and what they are looking for? Kim – They may, I will check. Mr. Mueller – If you can get that for us, that is all we would need.

- Emergency Response Training –

Kim – If NCWD stays a Water District, we still have to do the Emergency Response Training. Mr. Palimeri – I have spoken to the Emergency Management Director about that. I don't have anything right now. This is not something I am able to do; I am trying to use the avenues in Town. Kim – If Middleborough absorbs NCWD completely, you no longer have to do it. Mr. Palimeri – That all circles back to the DEP recommendations on what we have to do at the plant. I will reach out to Jim to see if he has something preliminary for us. Kim – I haven't received anything from Jim either.

Mr. Palimeri – We will get back to you with a list for meter replacements. Regardless of whether we are absorbed into Middleborough, we still need to replace them. They are supposed to be replace every 10 years.

5:19 PM - SWSS departed meeting

- Backflow Preventative Device –

Mr. Mueller – Do the homes that are on the system have to be tested annually? Mr. Palimeri – They are usually not required to be tested. There may be a couple in the system that are double check relief valve type that are testable back flow in residential properties; we do not have a list of that. What we do have is a list of commercial properties that have it. Mr. Mueller – Commercial is twice per year? Mr. Palimeri – I believe it is an annual test. Mr. Mueller – Was CVS fixed? Mr. Palimeri – Last I heard, SWSS submitted a bid. Technically, you do not have to use Town (SWSS) for meters or Backflow devices but then the information doesn't get back to the Town.

### **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 – We discussed this at the last meeting; There has been no additional communication since that time. This was an emergency request that Middleborough provide water to the NCWD. It was requested through a group of people representing the Town of Carver. Included in this meeting was,

- Myself, representing the NCWD
- A representative of the Selectboard
- A representative of the Board of Health
- A representative of the DPW
- The Town Administrator

We unanimously felt this was the way to go as we could not rely on the NCWD plant.

**Public Notice (PN) from Middleborough and MA DEP in regard to PFAS:**

Mr. Palimeri – We received notice from the Middleborough water Department that a well had exceeded the levels of PFAS. PFAS was found at the E. Grove Street Well in Middleborough. Over the course of a quarter of testing, if it exceeds 20 parts, they have to report to the DEO and a Public Notice goes out. The Town of Middleborough and the DEP worked together on the notification and if any action was required. Although it is always serious when something is in your drinking water; this is not an emergency. In an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours of the finding. Although this is not an emergency, as a customer you have the right to know what happened, what you should do and what we are going to do to correct the situation. In the long term, the treatment facility is doing the engineering to be able to filter out the PFAS in that part of the system. In the short term, they will only use that water source when the water is low and they need to use that water source. Everyone was notified appropriately. This plan was approved by the DEP.

Mr. Palimeri - Had that occurred in Carver's system, there would be nothing we could have done about it. We don't have the money, nor do we have access to money to do that filter system. By the time we were done with the engineering, we would have been looking for a bond that we couldn't take out.

**Water Service Application:**

Mr. Mueller – I sent it over to Jill. Mr. Palimeri – This all links back to when a private party uses their own plumber to do a meter installation. Updating this will help record all the necessary information. Mr. Mueller – All the necessary information will be on the form.

**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 \$ 17,344.84: Mr. Palimeri  
Second: Mr. Mueller*

Discussion: Utilities, phone, legal fees, misc.

*Approved: Unanimous (2-0)*

**Minutes: December 11, 2023:**

*Motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2023, as written: Mr. Mueller  
Second: Mr. Palimeri*

Discussion:

*Approved: Unanimous (2-0)*

**Board Member Comments:**

- Mr. Palimeri – We should work on the list for SWSS for meters to change. I will work with Kim on labor hours, etc. This would be in lieu of the normal business hours provided by SWSS.
- Mr. Mueller -

**Next Meeting:**

- Our next meeting will be held on February 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

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

**Adjournment:**

*Motion to adjourn was made at 5:39 PM: Mr. Palimeri  
Second: Mr. Mueller  
Approved: Unanimous (2-0)*