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# Town of Carver,

## North Carver Water District Commission

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Meeting minutes for March 13, 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; Doug Ficks, Commissioner

Absent:

Also present: Mr. Bachand, SWSS

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

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### Agenda has been taken out of order at Chairmans discretion:

#### Update from Small Water Systems Services:

- Water Operator's Report –  
Mr. Bachand - The wet end is shipping April 10. Once we have it and it has been installed, we will start everything up and sample and wait. Mr. Palimeri – What will the lead time be for the well company? Mr. Bachand – A week tops. Mr. Mueller – What about the samples? Mr. Bachand – I am not sure what will be required but it's not long, maybe 3-4 days. Should be ready for May 1. Mr. Palimeri – I believe when we switched to Middleboro, they only needed 3-4 days to switch over. We should give it a week. Mr. Bachand – The night before, we will have to flush all of theirs out as it is chlorinated. Mr. Palimeri – I am not sure how it works, but when the wet end arrives and the well company does their work and we begin cycling water at the plant to get samples, I would like the customers to be notified of dates. Just in case they notice a pressure change or cloudy water, etc. Mr. Bachand – Yes, I would also like to do it all at night for the least interruption. Mr. Palimeri – I will reach out to the Town Hall to schedule that.

Mr. Palimeri – Eric and I attended the Finance/Capital Outlay joint meeting. They asked a lot of questions about the NCWD. In the past, when we used Middleboro water to flush, there was a

charge by Middleboro. I explained to them about our plan to use our water. Mr. Bachand – Yes, they charge us usage when they flush.

Mr. Palimeri – Any other issues we need to be aware of?

Mr. Bachand –

- Kelly is scheduling all new meter installs and is also working on scheduling Cornerstones for repair/replace.
- 160 Plymouth St is on my list to do.
- 170 Plymouth had their plumber install it.
- The house that had a fire has a new meter installed. Water is not turned on yet as they are still working on the house. Mr. Palimeri – Until the water goes back on, there won't be a water charge. I want SWSS/NCWD notified when it is or needs to be turned on.

Mr. Mueller – We are preparing the budget. What do you think for expectancy for the membranes? Mr. Bachand – About 10 years. Mr. Mueller – It was \$220K for those. If we put away \$25K per year, for capital, we will have enough to replace them when needed.

Mr. Palimeri – When water services are being put in, is they putting a tracer on? Mr. Bachand – They are putting a “caution waterline” with waterline finder and it's mapped out. I will do a file once this project is done and send the information to you. Mr. Palimeri - Jill will have the file upstairs. Mr. Mueller – Ok, that way we have access to the as-builts. Mr. Palimeri – When do we usually flush? Mr. Bachand – Usually the fall. Mr. Mueller – Will we need to do that when we switch back? Mr. Bachand – No, that is why I want to do it overnight and try to get as much Middleboro water out. We aren't trying to clean the line; we are just getting the water out.

- Backflow billing – Mr. Palimeri - This was all about old procedures vs what we are doing now. Now, SWSS will send Jill and Finance the information for billing. We have a list of the billable backflow preventers that SWSS does on behalf of the NCWD that are billable to the customer. It seems that everything is worked out on this.

### **Discussion:**

- Rules and Regulations – Mr. Palimeri – We need to be sticklers for the as-builts. The revised Water Service Application will be incorporated.
- Water Service Application – Mr. Mueller – I submitted a revision on cost which comes in at \$425 vs \$325. The form has been changed to add signatures. Backfilling will be inspected and signed off on and final signoff on the plumbing will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> signature. Mr. Palimeri – Regarding the Plymouth St watermain extension, the Plumbing inspector has been doing the inspecting inside and letting Kevin know. Mr. Mueller – I updated the pricing and added signoff for every step and who was involved. Mr. Palimeri – We can incorporate that into the R&R for the District. Mr. Mueller – I should have it for the next meeting.

### **Route 44 Development – Urban Renewal Plan:**

Nothing tonight

### **Discussion:**

- Charging a minimum water usage fee for new customers receiving water with a bad meter and/or having a meter without a radio transmitter – Mr. Palimeri – This was discussed last month. Any thoughts on this? There was a review of the minutes from last month's meeting. Mr. Palimeri – Getting an average is something we should do. If a new meter goes in and due to supply chain issues, we couldn't get a transmitter or something similar, we will charge the minimum charge. Mr. Mueller – Yes, but if we have a usage history, we should use that.

*Motion to moving forward once the water is on for a new meter and something is delaying a reading, a minimum charge will be used. If there is an existing unit not working, with no access, we will get an average for a quarter with the previous year's history and use that: Mr. Mueller*

*Second: Mr. Ficks  
Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*

- Repair/replace various water meters - Already discussed under SWSS discussion
- Application for new water service – Already discussed under SWSS discussion

### **Bills Payable:**

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

Discussion:

*Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*

*Motion to pay the bill in Batch #2, in the amount of \$14,482.26: Mr. Mueller  
Second: Mr. Ficks*

Discussion: Utilities, KPLaw invoice re: solar array and SWSS miscellaneous extra services/parts

*Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*

Mr. Palimeri – Regarding solar array – We are supposed to receive quite a bit of money on this and have not been. I have someone in Sue Moquin's office working on that. Mr. Mueller – We should be receiving about \$35K per year and instead are paying electric bills.

### **Minutes: February 15, 2023 and February 27, 2023:**

*Motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2023 and February 27, 2023, as written: Mr. Ficks  
Second: Mr. Mueller*

Discussion: The meeting on 2/27/23 was between Sue Moquin and NCWD Members and was solely to discuss our budget and for her to give us guidance.

*Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*

**Correspondence:**

- I reached out to SWSS and spoke to Steve about using NCWD water service, in the future, to flush the system - We are looking at that as we have learned a lot about mixing their chlorinated water when flushing as it causes the water to be cloudy. We can also control the pressure. They use a very high PSI and can really stir everything up. SWSS has come up \$10,641.64 as the estimate to do it. That's with renting a tank with the pressure pump. We would then fill the tank with our water source and use that tank of water, under pressure, to pressurize the system of what we would need and keep the pressure up to flush the system. This price includes the rental of everything and up to 48 hours for the operator to flush. It will all be done from the plant. They will tie into the hydrant right outside the fence. Mr. Mueller - This will be done overnight for the least impact to the customer.

**Board Members Comments:**

- Mr. Mueller –
- Mr. Palimeri –
- Mr. Ficks -

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

Nothing tonight

**Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, April 10, 2023** at 5:00 PM

**Adjournment:**

*Motion to adjourn was made at 5:44 PM: Mr. Palimeri  
Second: Mr. Mueller  
Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*