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## Town of Carver

# North Carver Water District Commission

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Meeting minutes for May 8, 2023, The North Carver Water District Commissioners met, today, at the Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room #3, 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; Phil Shannon, Commissioner

Absent:

Also present: Greg, SWSS (via phone – 5:08PM)

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

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### Reorganization of the Board:

Mr. Palimeri – I would like to recognize our new Board Member, Phil Shannon! In the past, we had talked about rotating the Chairperson, what are your thoughts? Mr. Mueller – I have a lot on my plate right now but maybe next time.

*Motion to nominate Michael Palimeri as Chairman: Mr. Mueller  
Second: Mr. Shannon  
Approved: Unanimous*

*Motion to nominate Eric Mueller as the Vice Chairman: Mr. Palimeri  
Second: Mr. Shannon  
Approved: Unanimous*

### Discussion:

- Rules and Regulations -  
Mr. Palimeri – In the near future, I would like to look into materials. I received an email from the DEP on some training for changes in lead and copper regulations. We are not mandated to attend, the operator (SWSS) is required. I still think I will do it; it's only a training video and a Zoom meeting and will be on May 17, 2023 from 10-11 AM. If anyone else wants to do it, you can. We have iron pipe used predominantly in our systems. The only place it's required is in our R&R. Poly's, plastics and HDPE piping is used all over the world and is an approved material for water service and water

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mains. I would like to strike the requirement for iron pipe from our R&R. The members were in agreement.

- Water Service Application –  
Mr. Mueller – I haven't heard from Jill but I know she has been on vacation.

#### **Update from Small Water Systems Services:**

Greg, SWSS -

- Water Operator's Report –
  - The well work went good. Both are now active.
  - We had a call with Suez (Mr. Palimeri – They are the original designers of the Carver system) last week and got everything to turn.
  - The next step will be this Wednesday
    - Drain storage tanks
    - Flush everything that's been sitting
    - Shock chlorinate the empty tanks
    - Samples taken
    - June 1 start up.
  - Mr. Palimeri – Last time I was up there, we had a lighting issue. The DPW Director will send the Town electrician up there. If it's nothing major, they should be able to take care of it this week.
- Repair/replace various water meters - Mr. Palimeri – Cornerstones? Greg – That is still ongoing. We also received a list of about 6 radio/read installs. Those will be scheduled and taken care of. Mr. Palimeri – There were a few additional issues with reading. Greg – Yes, we need to look into those.

Mr. Palimeri – So the schedule is as follows:

- June 1 at Midnight we will do the startup and begin flushing which will take until about 8:00 AM.
- After we are up and running, we will do a meter read

I will be around all day if there are any issues. Keep us posted with any issues between now and startup. Greg – Yes, we will. We will also forward sample results as we get them. Mr. Palimeri – In the chemical room, do we still use everything that is currently there? Greg – Yes, the ones to the left are for cleaning and on your right are your oxidants. The goal is to use them and run it as intended. Mr. Palimeri – So we will need to make some modification in that room? Greg - We talked to Mark Dishero who has a great handle on our system. In terms of dialing in our system, we will work closely with him.

#### **Bills Payable:**

Mr. Palimeri spent a few minutes educating Mr. Shannon on the bill process for the District and Board Members.

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

Discussion:

*Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*

*Motion to pay the bill in Batch #2, in the amount of \$26,001.04: Mr. Mueller  
Second: Mr. Shannon*

Discussion: Mr. Mueller – There are 3 substantial propane bills (11/22, 1/1 and 2/23/23) included in this batch. Apparently, there was an issue with email. Mr. Palimeri – In the past, we have discussed the cost of the propane and have since discovered that it was a Modine type heater. Mr. Mueller – Still an issue with not receiving Solar credits? Mr. Palimeri – Yes, we are still working on it. Mr. Palimeri – We should be getting between \$30K-\$35K in credit each year.

*Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*

#### **Discussion:**

- Change over from Middleboro Water to NCWD – June 1

Mr. Mueller – A notification is going out to the residents? Mr. Palimeri – It already has. After discussion with Jill, Amanda and Kathy Kay, the Town Administrator and myself, a letter was drafted and sent with April's bill. The reverse 911 was not done; I would like to see it done but I will need to follow up on it. Midnight on June 1, the plant will begin purging the Middleboro water out of the system. The reason for this is that Middleboro water is chlorinated and needs to be removed. There will also be pressure fluctuations and at the end of it all the water pressure will be less than when we switched over to Middleboro water. There will be 3-4 staff from SWSS performing this exercise. Greg and Stephen from SWSS graciously provided their cell phone numbers, as well as SWSS phone number (also on the monthly bill) will go out in a notice. Middleboro requested that we take a meter reading. We will do that as soon as the flushing is done. I will keep you all informed. Mr. Shannon – If you need me, I will also be available.

#### **Minutes: April 10, 2023:**

*Motion to approve the minutes of April 10 2023, as written: Mr. Mueller  
Second: Mr. Shannon*

Discussion:

*Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*

#### **Correspondence:**

Mr. Palimeri – I received a couple of things from the DEP.

- The lead and copper rules – schools are monitored more frequently. There was an issue at Kidstop as there was a detection of lead/copper. SWSS notified them of the detection and the location of the detection. They recommended flushing it before they use it and/or replacing the fixture. The amount they are talking about is indicative of what is found in a fixture.

- I received an email regarding the training for forms required for lead and copper. There is also a webinar to explain how to complete these forms. In addition to SWSS, I am going to do the training as well.
- Communication from finance about meter read issues. For the most part, the meter reading for the past billing cycle, seemed to go pretty well.

**Board Members Comments:**

- Mr. Mueller –
- Mr. Palimeri – It would be nice to send a thank you to Doug Ficks. He took the time to volunteer and help us out. Mr. Mueller – He has a lot of knowledge.
- Mr. Shannon - I am happy to be joining the team.

**Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 1, 2023** at 5:00 PM

Dan Ryan (the new Selectboard member) made a good suggestion to hold our next meeting on June 1, which is the day of the switch over. That way if there are any issues, we can meet as a Board.

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

**Adjournment:**

*Motion to adjourn was made at 5:38 PM: Mr. Shannon  
Second: Mr. Mueller  
Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*