

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable's Hyannis Water Board was held on February 9, 2010 at 3:15 PM in the Growth Management Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

In attendance were Skip Simpson, Tom Holmes, Deb Krau and Peter Cross.

Staff present: Hans Keijser, Supervisor, Water Supply Division, Alisha Stanley, Growth Management, Lindsay Counsell, Growth Management, Dale Saad, Ph.D., Senior Projects Manager.

Public present: Ken Maltese and Mark Lavoie from United, State Senator Rob O'Leary, Richard Andres, Tom Lee from the Horsley Witten Group, and Michael McManus from Tighe & Bond.

A quorum being present, Chairman Krau called the meeting to order at 3:25 PM.

The Minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting were approved with the notation that Keijser represented the Board position at the Cape Cod Commission meeting relative to Yarmouth Road; no letter was sent.

Item 4 on the Agenda was moved forward. Keijser said that a land management plan is in the planning stage for the land north of the airport. The Board should think about what is important relative to protecting that area for future wells as this is the only large non-developed area in Hyannis. A committee will be formed to discuss possible uses of this area.

State Senator Rob O'Leary said discussions for extending the Cape Cod Rail Trail west from Dennis have been underway for years. Yarmouth has acquired land from the Dennis town line to Willow Street and planning is almost to the 25% design stage. Financing is underway for Yarmouth. He is now approaching Barnstable regarding how this town will participate. The State Fish and Wildlife land is in middle of the land and they are reluctant to permit other uses. He said that obtaining an easement across the land from past state boards has been unsupported by the commissioner. Now there is a new state commissioner who will support taking the easement proposal to the new Board. The opportunity is now. He had hoped to locate the proposed bike path through an existing road, but Fish and Wildlife prefers that the bike path parallel and be located near Route 6. One condition is the need for a comprehensive management plan in order to grant the easement. We want to be cooperative, the problem is that the time frame is pressing.

Lindsay Counsell showed proposed plans to extend the bike path into Barnstable, staying well to the north, probably along existing roadways with a link to the RTA on Willow Street. The cost is estimated at \$7 million. Krau mentioned a possible conflict between Fish and Wildlife and DEP requirements for water wells. The Board needs to protect the water and wells and meet DEP requirements. We don't need to worry about hunting and staff being hit, or endangering our permits. Counsell said now they can say no to any

proposed site for a well, which is why it's important to open up opportunities for wells on other nearby sites, which could occur with management agreement. This is an opportunity to coalesce management of the entire area. Hunting is an issue, each agency has its own mission – this area is now open to hunting. All the other land owner agendas are consistent with the proposed plans, except for hunting.

Cross thinks a comprehensive plan would be great to bring the airport under some control. His concern is the fine print in an agreement, we don't want to find out down the road that Fish and Wildlife controls all the land. Other concerns are DEP permits, existing rights to wells, and endangerment from hunters.

O'Leary asked the Board to keep an open mind, the Board is a key player and will be involved in negotiations.

Operations Report – Lavioe said United has been evaluating its sampling locations to avoid the problems of last summer and tweaking the reporting for the maintenance program. No problems with coliform detects were reported. Collections of overdue accounts efforts resulted in \$3,929 in January. There remain some needed clarifications on collections and some corrections for accurate reporting

Simpson noted that the report says billing is 33% down in January but pumping is up. Maltese said the historical column is incorrect and that the lag time between pumping and billing may be coming into play. How will this be reconciled? Maltese will look into reports and find out what is going on.

Krau asked what to do about 120+ days overdue accounts, they now are at 56%. Maltese suggested that with the next billing cycle a big notice on the bill front notify delinquent customers of an immediate danger of shut off. That should result in a 10-15% increase in collections. He noted that the current billing is included in the total amount overdue. He is trying to develop a list of the truly uncollectible accounts to get them taken off the books.

Paine Avenue. Keijser said there have been no further complaints.

Keijser said a new project manager has been hired and will be starting on Friday. We are moving forward with 6 projects, the first is the generator.

Water tower project. Tighe & Bond was awarded the contract and were represented by Michael McManus, who distributed the agenda for the kick-off meeting.

Krau asked McManus – what do you need from the Board and what is the time frame. McManus said that SRF funding is the main time frame constraint. If it is not used, there are no time limits. He said there is no rush to get to procurement by June.

The Board would prefer not to locate the new tank at the site of present tank. The Board will present concepts to the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hyannis Civic Association. Public outreach will be ongoing throughout the time period of April to September.

McManus is looking for future input on the weight of groundwater rule compliance and water main flushing benefits which is added to the evaluation criteria. He wants some idea of how to weigh each criteria. The Board ranked items on a scale of 1 to 5.

Zoning. Krau said that Ferreira, a junk dealer is proposed a relocation to the well head protection area and have received Licensing Board approval to locate there until April 30, when all junk dealer licenses are renewed. Krau said this operation is not as bad as other businesses in the area already there, but do we want to let this into the area? Simpson would like a legal opinion. Where is the Zoning Board of Appeals – why is it Licensing that is granting permission to move into this area. Krau to discuss the issue with Joanne Buntich of Growth Management. What happens if the junk dealer license is not renewed? Specific to this business relocation – is this a change of use of the property?

Krau asked the Board to read the Airport Master Plan for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Geoffrion