

WEST BARNSTABLE WATER COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

December 13, 2023; 5:00 PM

West Barnstable Community Building

2377 Meetinghouse Way, West Barnstable, MA 02668

Present: Water Commissioner (Chairman) Mark Wirtanen, Commissioner Kristine Clark and Commissioner Lisa Hendrickson; District Clerk Daniel Furbush.

Call to Order:

Chairman Wirtanen called the meeting of the Water Commissioners to order at 5:00 PM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

After a reading the minutes from the October 3, 2022 meeting, **Commissioner Hendrickson motioned, Commissioner Clark seconded, and the minutes of the October 3, 2022 meeting of the Water Commissioners were unanimously approved as written.**

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Placement of Warrant Article on West Barnstable Fire District Annual Meeting

Chairman Wirtanen advised the other Commissioners that the Prudential Committee previously asked for a formal request from the Water Commission for the inclusion of a warrant article for \$10,000 in funding. The use of the funds would be to pay for any professional services required by the Commission in connection with present and future water supplies. Chairman Wirtanen moved that the letter already written as requested, be discussed and voted upon. Commissioner Clark led the discussion and upon conclusion, **Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to accept the letter as written and that it be presented to the Prudential Committee. Commissioner Clark seconded and the motion was unanimously accepted in a roll call vote.**

Discuss A Request From The Town Community Preservation Committee For Costs Associated With A Potential Future Water Supply

Commissioner Clark commented that the primary reason for the Community Preservation Committee to purchase property for open space is to assure a water supply for the town. An application for open space purchases is the first step and Commissioner Clark would pick up an application. **Commissioner Hendrickson motioned to make a request to the town's Community Preservation Committee for assistance in in procuring open space to assure the town's water supply for the future. Commissioner Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.**

New Business Discussions Or Other Matters Not Anticipated By The Chairperson

Commissioner Clark commented that she had spoken to the owners of the equestrian farm on Meetinghouse Road which is listed for sale as two separate parcels and suggested to them that a purchase of the parcels by the town would contribute to the health of the town. Commissioner Hendrickson suggested that Chairman Wirtanen should discuss the purchased of the parcels with the

Chair of the Cape Cod Conservation Commission. Commissioner Clark said she had spoken to the Chair of the Hyannis Water Supply Division and he commented that he doubted that rate payers would approve the purchase by the town but that would be his preference. Commissioner Clark speculated that at the next meeting of the Hyannis Water Supply Division, there may be a recommendation to the town manager to purchase the parcels. Chairman Wirtanen commented that the parcels needed to be purchased by the town to protect the water supply and that the Bridge Creek Watershed should be the highest priority for potential new water supplies for the town.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel R. Furbush
District Clerk