

## **Central Plymouth County Water District Commission**

Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM. By Chair Paul Collis with Commissioner Joanne Zygmunt in attendance. Commissioner Jack O'Leary arrived at 7:05 PM. The meeting was held at the Selectmen's Room, Halifax Town Hall, 499 Plymouth Street, Halifax MA.

The draft meeting minutes of July 11, 2019 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Zygmunt motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Collis. The motion passed 2-0.

Chair Collis discussed an email conversation he had with Brian Creedon, the Water Manager for the City of Brockton, concerning the City of Brockton sale of water to outside parties. Brockton was ordered to supply water to the Gables housing development, on the line of Abington, by court order. The VA was on a system but is now on a subsystem. He stated there are two houses in Avon that receive water from the system. Chair Collis will reach out to Mr. Creedon for clarification on the specifics of the email and will request a copy of the court order.

County Administrator Frank Basler gave an update of the current funds of the CPCWDC. The bank balance of the CPCWDC account on August 31, 2019 is \$285,810.31. Chair Collis shared that the State awarded \$155,000.00 to be expended for stakeholder engagement, public outreach, and education to address water quality and quantity issues, to promote conservation and protection of water resources in the Central Plymouth County Water District, for flow monitoring equipment on Herring Brook Pond, and for water quality monitoring of Silver Lake, Furnace Pond and Monponsett Pond. Additionally, the State issued \$50,000.00 for the administration of the CPCWDC. Chair Collis thanked the legislative delegation for their hard work and advocating for improving water quality. Commissioner O'Leary moved, seconded by Commissioner Zygmunt, for the County to work with DCR to request the above funds be transferred to the CPCWDC accounts. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board discussed water quality of Monponsett Pond in regards to algae count where the danger threshold is 70,000. For the second year in a row, the East Pond has higher cell counts than counts at West Pond. There was further discussion on possible reasons behind the phenomenon. Pine duBois asked that the Commissioners consider monitoring the water quality at Silver Lake and the diversion pipe. The Chair asked Ms. duBois to email the Commissioners about the thresholds of nutrients that are diverted into Silver Lake which would then trigger changes in diversion flow. Commissioner O'Leary stated that the testing would be worthwhile to establish trends. He raised the point that there could be legal issues around using the numbers for enforcement.

The next Commissioner's meeting date was changed to Wednesday, Nov 6 as per a motion by Commissioner Zygmunt, and seconded by Chair Collis, passing 3-0. The meeting will be held at the Brockton Satellite Registry of Deeds, 32 Belmont Street at 6:30 PM. Moving ahead the Commissioner's meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings. Chair Collis will join by Facetime when he is out of state.

Madeline "Lynn" Smith, the newly hired media consultant, shared ideas and narratives for the new web site that is being hosted at [CentralPlymouthCountyWater.weebly.com](http://CentralPlymouthCountyWater.weebly.com) and a new pamphlet. Lynn stated that the plan would be to use [www.PlymouthCountyMA.gov](http://www.PlymouthCountyMA.gov) for a splash page for posting of meetings, minutes, and general information and a link to the primary CPCWDC web site. The Commissioners asked the County to set up a new email address that will be featured on the website. The new email will be

[WaterDistrict@PlymouthCountyMA.gov](mailto:WaterDistrict@PlymouthCountyMA.gov) The County will monitor this email account, answer informational emails when possible, and forward other appropriate emails to the CPCWDC Commissioners for follow up. The Commissioners will forward comments on the website and the pamphlet back to Lynn for edits and changes. Lynn stated that 1,000 pamphlets could be printed for \$234. Lynn will reach out to Frank in order to pay the Weebly invoice on a County credit card for reimbursement by the CPCWDC.

Commissioner Zygmunt stated that with the passing of Mayor Carpenter, the new mayor, Mayor Rodrigues, is focusing on finding candidates to fill volunteer seats including the CPCWD Advisory Board Brockton seat. Commissioner Zygmunt will follow up with Mayor Rodrigues to fill the Advisory Board seat.

The Chair asked to table the bylaws discussion to the next meeting. All agreed.

Commissioner O'Leary stated that he is still working with Engineer Tuttle to finalize the survey work and markers. He will report at the next meeting.

Ms. duBois suggested a few topics for the next meeting including the potential of a hydro dredge to restore environmental conditions. The Chair asked for other agenda topic suggestions to be emailed to the Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Frank Basler

County Administrator

Handouts at meeting:

- Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2019
- Financial Update for the CPCWDC as of August 31, 2019
- Consultant Lynn Smith packet on website design