

**Onset Fire District
Board of Water Commissioners
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Meeting Date: November 13, 2019 @ 5:00PM

Location: 15 Sand Pond Road, Onset, MA

Listing of Topics:

1. Open Meeting (Chair) with Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Chairman Ken Fontes opens the meeting at 5:01PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call by Acting Clerk Ben Hughes

Present are: Ken Fontes, Ben Hughes, Attorney David Gay, Clerk-Treasurer Mary McCoy, Recording Secretary Melissa Goodell, Citizen Bill Atwood

3. Citizen's Participation

There is none

4. Approval of Minutes

Ben Hughes motions to accept the minutes of October 23, 2019. Ken Fontes seconds the motion, vote 2-0-0.

5. Discuss letter from Bill Atwood regarding access to his property

Ken Fontes states he has no problem with Bill Atwood using the access road during picking season as long as he monitors , and continues to deny usage to, the motor cross. Ken Fontes indicates this agreement may stop when construction begins on the fire station. Ben Hughes states he is fine with a gentlemen's agreement with Bill Atwood versus a written contract. Bill Atwood states he would like to use the access road during harvesting and in the summertime during growing. Bill Atwood states he has seen the plans for the new fire station and believes the access road will still be there after the station is built. Ben Hughes tells Bill Atwood he needs to check with Chief Goodwin about access after the fire station is built. Ken Fontes states the first complaint about the motorcross using the access road and the agreement is off the table. Bill Atwood states he will talk with Chief Goodwin about the future plans once the fire station is built.

Item 9 is taken out of order:

6. Clerk-Treasurer's Report which may include Health Insurance, Retirement and Financial topics.

Mary McCoy states the audit is complete and there are no deficiencies.

The District is going to bond counsel next week for the funds for the fire station.

There is discussion about updating the software at the Water Department. Mary McCoy states she will call SoftRight, which is the company the District uses, and get back to the Commissioners.

Mary McCoy states she is not sure of cost and perhaps SoftRight would split the cost over two fiscal years. Mary McCoy also states the Water Department needs new computers.

Ben Hughes motions to give the Clerk-Treasurer permission to explore new software for the Onset Water Department and to contact SoftRight and get pricing for the new software and new computers. Ken Fontes seconds the motion, vote 2-0-0.

7. Superintendent's Report which may include topics related to the operations of the wells, standpipe, cash flow, meters, water break/leaks and maintenance.

There is none

8. Items not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of this meeting.

There are none

9. Executive Session under M.G.L. c30A Section 21 (a)(3) to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Ben Huges motions to enter Executive Session at 5:15PM under M.G.L. c30A Section 21 (a)(3) to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares. Chair Ken Fontes seconds the motion and declares an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position. Chair Ken Fontes also declares the Water Commissioners will resume the agenda starting at item 6 when they come out of Executive Session. Ben Hughes yes, Ken Fontes yes.

10. Executive Session under M.G.L. c30A /section 21 (a)(1) to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health rather than profession competence of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

This Executive Session is not held.

11. Reconvene in open session for the purpose of adjourning.

Ben Hughes motions to adjourn at 6:00PM. Ken Fontes seconds the motion, vote 2-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Goodell Recording Secretary

Ken Fontes, Acting Chairman

Ben Hughes, Acting Clerk

Documents Used: Agenda, Minutes to October 23, 2019