



## MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2021 REHOBOTH WATER COMMISSION

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### ***CALL TO ORDER***

A meeting of the Rehoboth Water Commission was held via Zoom and called to order at 7:06pm.

### ***ATTENDEES***

Members: Joseph Nunes, Patricia Vadnais, and Katie Eyer

### ***GUEST***

John Hermance, Stacy Haskell

### ***MINUTES***

Joe Nunes talked to Deb Arruda about being in the loop regarding Shad Factory Pond and Derek Rousseau about televising water commission meetings.

Motion: Tish Vadnais made a motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2020

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Katie Eyer

### ***WATER SUPPLY SIGNS***

Tish Vadnais talked to Bill Dalpe Jr. about the water supply signs. He had talked to Assistant Fire Chief Haskell about how to revise the signs, and they agreed that it should be a second eagle scout project.

### ***SHAD FACTORY DAM***

Joe Nunes talked to Bill Dalpe Sr. about touring the Shad Factory Dam/Pond. Tentative May/June walk. A site walk requires a meeting posting.

### ***APRIL TOWN ELECTION***

Tom Nicholson is up for reelection.

## ***BYLAWS 9 & 10***

Section 9 refers to a water commission clerk and treasurer, but currently there is no need for those positions.

Jack Hermance said that there was no need to fill those positions historically, so best let them sit until there is a need.

Jack Hermance will bring up at the town meeting that the water commission needs to develop a mission statement.

Joe Nunes will check with the attorney about leaving the clerk and treasurer positions unfilled and will look into the contents of a mission statement.

Jack Hermance will send the mission statement example that he composed to have Joe take to the attorney.

## ***QUESTIONS FOR TOWN COUNSEL***

Tish Vadnais - ask about the treasurer and clerk positions.

If the Bristol County Water Authority wants to give up the Shad Factory Dam, can the town refuse it? (Ask Bill Dalpe for the names of the women who gave the presentation about the dam. Get the date of the presentation from Bill and ask Derek R. for the video.)

Motion: Tish Vadnais made a motion to give Joe Nunes permission to contact town counsel with these questions.

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Katie Eyer

## ***BUXTON SOLAR FIELD***

Stacy Haskell, 101 Pond St., has concerns about the proposed solar field on Pond St. Her house is less than 200' from the solar field and worries that the solar panels could affect their water supply. Tish Vadnais suggests that Stacy Haskell and Jack Hermance speak. Jack Hermance wants a copy of the engineer's report.

Mark Haskell said that Ted Ballard had concerns about the solar panels burning at the senior center and the contaminants that were released. Similar concerns about the Pond St. solar farm should there be a fire.

## ***ACTION ITEMS***

Joe Nunes - speak to the town counsel about above mentioned items.  
- ask Bill Dalpe about Shad Factory Dam presentation

*ADJOURNMENT*

Motion: Motion made by Tish Vadnais to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.  
Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Katie Eyer

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Eyer  
Rehoboth Water Commissioner  
Clerk