

NEW SHOREHAM SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION
JOINT MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday • February 17, 2015 • 4 p.m.
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island

PRESENT were SEWER Commission members: Brad Marthens, Martha Ball, Terri Chmiel (Alternate)

PRESENT were WATER Commission members: Chair Brad Marthens, Martha Ball, Terri Chmiel (Alternate)

ALSO PRESENT were: Sewer Superintendent Christopher Blane, Principal Water Operator Jordan Ryan, Administrative Assistant Mona Helterline, and BI Times reporter.

With a quorum present the meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by B. Marthens.

Due to the lack of attending members B. Marthens made a motion to postpone all agenda items but #3 which addressed the Water Operator 1 Position at the Block Island Water Company. Remaining agenda items would be addressed at a meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 4 p.m.

MOTION by B. Marthens that all items on the February 17, 2015 agenda be moved to Thursday, February 19, at 4 p.m. with the exception of agenda item #3: Discussion and potential action regarding Water Operator 1 position. Seconded by T. Chmiel.

Aye: 3 (Marthens, Ball, Chmiel) Nay: 0. Abstain: 0.

B. Marthen's stated that five applications were received for the Water Operator 1 position. Four of those candidates were interviewed and the two best qualified were selected for a second interview. Marthens continued by stating that both he and the Water Superintendent agreed they would like to offer the position to the "front running candidate". He explained that they have decided not to personally name the individual so that the candidate would have the opportunity to personally make the announcement to their current employer.

MOTION by B. Marthens to offer the position to the lead candidate for Water Operator 1 position based on their real-work experience and education, which will reduce the time required for the licensing process. Based on qualifications the new Water Operator 1 will start at \$16/hr. Seconded by T. Chmiel.

Aye: 3 (Marthens, Ball, Chmiel) Nay: 0. Abstain: 0.

Commissioner M. Ball commented that the cold weather conditions had been handled very well by the staff and thanked them. Principal Water Operator Jordan Ryan also thanked the staff of the Sewer Plant for their assistance and willingness to help as the frigid weather had caused several burst pipes.

M. Helterline asked if the Commission wanted their legal counsel present at the upcoming Thursday meeting since service contracts would be reviewed. B. Marthens stated that with only minor verbiage changes, it was not necessary.

MOTION to adjourn at 4:10 pm by T. Chmiel, seconded by B. Marthens.

Aye: 3 (Marthens, Ball, Chmiel) Nay: 0. Abstain: 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mona Helterline
District Clerk

ACCEPTED: 3/16/15