

Submitted by: Rhonda DeBettencourt Rhonda DeBettencourt.

David J. Schwab \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Roland M. Miller Roland M. Miller Date: 5/25/22

testing) that some action level on their part was needed to mitigate this issue to insure there is safe water to consume on the premises.

- Cassidy was unaware of the results from both the Tisbury School and Vineyard Montessori School until he was notified by Ms. Jernegan VMS Head of School when she was notified by DEP on January 31, 2022, and Custer, Principal of Tisbury School reached out to Cassidy at approximately the same time. Cassidy explained to the TWC that schools do not count towards our 90% percentile for 30 residential samples and two samples at each school. Cassidy also explained that schools are at higher standard per DEP specifications, that when schools are involved, it is DEP's practice to notify schools directly.
- Cassidy met with Ms. Jernegan on February 4, 2022, to recommend some options to mitigate the issue which included flushing the VMS system as well as replacing the fixture in the sink in the classroom with the elevated levels in the old building.
- Cassidy also gave Ms. Jernegan the contact information for Alpha Laboratory (the lab TWW currently uses for" sampling"as Ms. Jernegan wanted to have some independent testing done. Ms. Jernegan took independent samples from three locations, two inside and one from the water pipe entering the old building and sent them to Alpha Laboratories. They all came back above 1 part per billion parameters recently set by MA DEP for schools. Cassidy and Ms. Jernegan are working to schedule a meeting, including the health agent Maura Valley, to see how the TWW can assist the school to mitigate this problem.
- Cassidy stated that lead and copper samples are required every 3 years by MA DEP regulations and the last testing, prior to September 2021, was 2018. Cassidy also explained that approximately a year ago the lead and copper standards for schools were changed from 15 parts per billion to less than 1 part per billion.

#### Other Business:

- The new dump truck and backhoe should be delivered soon that was approved from Town meeting in 2021.
- Hydrant Flushing should begin at the end of April.
- MUNIS software update tentatively will be going live in July.
- Temporary School Project water service will be increased to a 2" line.
- Supt Cassidy approved a request from W T Rich company to stage 10 trailers for the temporary school for a short period.

Meeting was adjourned 4:55 PM

MINUTES  
TISBURY WATER COMMISSION  
April 7, 2022

Meeting opened by David Schwab at 4:00 P.M. via Zoom.

Commissioners Present: Roland Miller, David Schwab

Others Present: Water Superintendent, Chris Cassidy; Administrative Assistant, Rhonda DeBettencourt; Kirk Metell, DPW; Jared Meader, Wastewater Department; Deborah Jernegan, Vineyard Montessori School.

TWC approved Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2022 and scheduled the next meeting for May 9, 2022.

1. Abatement request from Tracy Smith, Manager, account # 174 located at 79 Beach Road Tisbury Market Place in the amount of \$3,460.18. TWC voted 2-0 to deny the request as the cause was a leaking toilet in one of the units.
2. Abatement request for water account #79 Linda Cummin, 1145 Main Street in the amount of \$6,869.94. TWC voted 2-0 to deny the request because the water passed through the meter and there is not a question of the meter's accuracy. TWC suggested that the Superintendent offer the customer a payment plan. TWC also voted to waive interest and late fees in the amount of \$148.63.

Superintendent Report:

Vineyard Montessori School:

- Debbie Jernegan from the Vineyard Montessori School (VMS) was present. Schwab explained to Ms. Jernegan that after speaking with the Town Clerk Conklin, the Open Meeting laws require a participant to be on the agenda within 48 hours prior to the meeting. Schwab let Ms. Jernegan know if she would like to be on the agenda for the next meeting to please alert Supt. Cassidy several days in advance to observe posting guidelines. Schwab said Cassidy could incorporate the VMS update in the Superintendent's Report.
- Cassidy explained that two original lead and copper samples were taken by TWW in September 2021 from the Montessori School. One sample was taken from the kitchen sink in a classroom in the old building and the second sample was taken from the new building. The sample from the kitchen sink in the old building came back 4.2 parts per billion and the one from the new building came back "non-detect." Because the sample from the old building exceeded the recently revised DEP lead and copper guidelines for schools, Montessori school was notified by MA DEP on January 31 (4 months after the