

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
November 14, 2016 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Peter Newman, Peter Savlen, and Dan Lavoie, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; Jim McLaughlin, Clerk; and Chuck Come, Superintendent

Meeting opened at 9:10 AM

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on October 24, 2016 were approved as submitted. The minutes of the Commissioners' work session held on November 7, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Superintendent's Report

Chuck reported that NHDES staff visited last week to introduce a new person. They will make their regular inspection visit this coming Wednesday. The plant is running well.

Chuck advised that due to the failure of the District to pass the drinking water copper test recently, we will have to increase water quality testing. Chuck said it may have been due to not adding sufficient quantities of the orthophosphate chemical. Weekly tests will be necessary through the fall and quarterly sampling of home water over the next year. Chuck suggested doubling the number of homes sampled from 10 to 20 to increase our chances of meeting the State requirement.

The Commissioners discussed the issue of looking into groundwater injection of the plant's effluent. The Commissioners voted to contract with Horizon to carry out the necessary soil testing to determine the suitability for this process on the plant's property. The cost of this project is \$6,200.

The discussion focused on the potential saving in plant operation that this approach would yield in terms of chemical cost avoidance, facility maintenance and electricity savings.

Administrator's Report

Ray reviewed the revised 2017 budget. He said the new bottom line is \$423,000. Discussed the issue of raising rates at the annual meeting in March, 2017. There was consensus on a 5% increase in water and sewer rates. The Budget Committee was okay with the figures presented to them on Thursday.

The Commissioners discussed the tie-in fee for the new liquor store. Ray had initially put the fee at \$4,000 to reflect the anticipated low usage of an employees-only bathroom. The Commissioners agreed to add \$1,000 to cover meter and other material costs. Jim suggested that another fee be added to help pay for the maintenance and operating costs of the pump station, on which these properties depend to handle sewage. The Commissioners agreed to add \$6,000 to the fee to be put into the separate pump station account. The total tie-in fee would then be \$11,000.

Ray advised that he had included \$6,000 in the budget for a new well location investigation.

There was agreement that this amount would be totally inadequate to fund a wide ranging well site study, but that it could cover a test well in the parcel of Town-owned land along the Warner River that was originally purchased for a new fire station.

Ray reported that quarterly bills were out and receipts were coming in.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

The next Commissioners meeting – Monday, November 28, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk