

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
June 25, 2018 at the Treatment Plant

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on June 11, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Administrator's Report

Ray distributed the May revenue and expense reports. Overall revenue is a little below budget at this time; 40.3% versus 41.7%. Ray said that a carbon credit refund of \$469.60 was received, as well as \$377 in net metering revenue from Eversource. The end of June marks the two-year anniversary of the solar array's installation. Ray said it is proving to be what was advertised. We are able to meet the loan payments and electricity costs at a savings.

Overall expenses at the end of May are slightly lower than budgeted.

Ray recommended that the Commissioners give Chuck a performance bonus of \$500 as recognition of his outstanding work for the District. This notion was discussed and the Commissioners voted to give Chuck Come the \$500 now with the potential for a similar amount at year's end.

Nothing new to report on the groundwater discharge project. Ray said that Tim Blagden has completed his plans for parking and walkway on the property.

Ray asked Jim to assist him in preparing the District's capital improvement program to be submitted to the Planning Board.

Superintendent's Report

Chuck advised that the engineering plans for the new 6" water main from Kearsarge Mountain Road to Town Hall for a fire suppression system have been completed and we are awaiting State approval. Chuck has been spending a considerable amount of time coordinating on this project with the Town. He distributed copies of the draft plan and the Commissioners discussed various aspects of this project. Chuck said he is trying to arrange a meeting with Tim Allen, Ray Martin and Nate Burrington on the necessity for Nate to pay for the hookups to the Odd Fellows Building while the main water line is being placed rather than waiting until the line has been installed and having to dig up the newly paved road work. He will have to pay for materials and the work required to make the connection to his building. Also in this discussion is the size of the domestic water line (2" recommended) and a separate sprinkler line (6").

Chuck advised that the \$2200 trash pump purchased from Northern Hydraulics is a not functional. He has investigated kits to make repairs, but after discussion, it was decided to return the pump for a refund. Chuck said he has been using a \$280 pump instead and it has proven to be up to the task.

Chuck reported on the clean-out of the oxidation ditches. Removing as much as 40 years worth of accumulated dirt from the ditches has meant increased hauling costs now, but should end up with a more efficient operation and decreased disposal costs long-term. Chuck noted that the concrete in ditch #1 has deteriorated more than in the other ditch, but seems to be holding up.

He also mentioned a new chemical that will be added to make phosphorous precipitate, thus improving the plant's process.

Discussion turned to the water system and it was noted that some bubbles in the water appeared

for two days last week, due to cavitation of the well pump. Chuck said he has made corrections and that he will contact an individual who installs variable frequency drives on well pumps about going down this path. Also the Commissioners discussed siting a third well as a way of improving options for supplying water to the District. Areas considered were at the current well property, a location across the Warner River that had proven to be a highly productive location, on District-owned land near Exit 9 (on the south side of the River), on land above Split Rock Road, and on the Town-owned land behind Main Street. Chuck voiced DES' personnel's opinion that floodplain areas were not their preferred option.

In view of a short-term problem of lack of adequate precipitation over the past several months, the Commissioners adopted a ban on outside watering until further notice, as a means of coping with the shortage of groundwater that supplies the District's wells. The Commissioners agreed further that violations of this ban would result in a \$25 fine for the first occurrence, increased by \$25 for each additional occurrence. (i.e., \$25 for the first time, \$50 for the second, \$75 for the third, etc.) Ray will take care of sending out notices of this ban. He will also contact Ed Mical, the Town's Emergency Coordinator concerning this decision.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

The next Commissioners meeting – Monday, July 9 at 9:00AM.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.