

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
September 10, 2018 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Peter Newman and Peter Savlen, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; Chuck Come. Superintendent; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk. Also Tim Blagden.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on August 27, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Groundwater Injection Project

Tim Blagden displayed a draft plan for Map 29, Lot 4, site of the District's proposed groundwater injection project, as well as being a key piece of the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rails Trail project in Warner. He showed the planned access point for traffic intended to use the trail and said it would not interfere with the District's uses. Chuck said that the District will need to put in its own access at the second State-approved curb-cut. This will allow winter plowing to maintain access to the facility, once constructed. Plans call for a total of 7 ponds, one to be loaded each day of the week to optimize groundwater absorption. Chuck mentioned that the best locations for the two monitoring wells are just outside this lot, on State property. Discussed getting NHDOT approval for an easement to accommodate these wells. Tim offered to put the engineer in touch with the appropriate persons at DOT and FHWA to seek this authorization. Tim said the State might opt to do a property line adjustment rather than grant an easement for these wells.

The Commissioners discussed Tim's financial situation. His investment in the land includes the purchase price of \$40,865.34 (5/25/2017) and taxes paid since of \$4,073. Tim also itemized the cost to date for surveying of the property at \$9,982. The Commissioners discussed the extent of their liability to reimburse these costs and concluded that the land survey was of not essential for their purposes. Further, Chuck pointed out that the funds available for the testing are going to be tight. No final decision was made concerning the survey cost reimbursement. Ray suggested a sum of \$47,000 might be a way to partially help Tim lessen his financial exposure.

Ray distributed the purchase and sales agreement, with several notes offered by Tim as to total price, trail easement and date of conveyance. Chuck gave a summary of the steps to be taken, including digging two pits, and two monitoring wells and laying a temporary pipe across the Warner River, elevated above the water surface. State permit for this work was received last week. Setting up the initial testing work should take another 2-3 weeks. Ray and Chuck will correspond with Tim on the testing process that is envisioned to begin in the next 2-3 weeks to get his approval. Ray said that he wanted to come to an agreed upon price with Tim as soon as possible.

On another matter, Tim asked for the Commissioners' approval of a request by a boy scout in town, as part of his Eagle Scout award, to install 16 posts with wildlife information along the Trail located on District property. Given the setback from the roadbed, the Commissioners saw no problem with the proposal.

Superintendent's Report

Chuck advised of a phone call and personal visit with a customer last week concerning a case of e-coli poisoning involving the caller's daughter. The physician was said to have remarked that drinking water was responsible. Chuck offered to take a water sample at their house and have it tested. He will do this on Wednesday. Otherwise, he communicated the water test results for the District showing no traces of e-coli. Chuck will keep the Commissioners informed.

Chuck advised that many of the manholes on Main Street are in need of maintenance, with either

new or reset frames. He is checking on possible contractors for this work.

He said that the Reynolds property on West Main Street has had a water meter installed.

On the topic of hydrant replacement, Chuck reported that Tim Allen has said that the Town will not be replacing any hydrants this year. Chuck criticized the Town's lack of interest in or understanding of the importance of its commitment to this task. Approximately 15 hydrants don't have shutoff valves that are necessary to prevent widespread loss of water in case of an accident involving a hydrant. He suggested asking for the \$2,000 annual payment from the Town to the District that is called for in our agreement. He pointed out that this payment has not been made in a dozen years. The District had proposed an annual payment of \$16,000 to the District which would have assumed all replacement and maintenance responsibilities. This proposal was rejected by the Town. Ray will speak to Jim Bingham about this.

Chuck reported that the VFD work on the headworks pumps will be completed this week. These improvements, coupled with the water seal work on the other pumps in the plant should show a dramatic reduction in the amount of water being used at the plant. About one quarter of all water pumped at the well site (4 million gallons per quarter) is not metered or billed. Much of this lost water may be due to the continuous use of water at the plant in the past n pump operation.

Administrator's Report

Ray distributed the end of August financial report and reviewed several areas. Income still lags behind budget, but is expected to pick up in October. Expenses are running below budget, and even with income. Water supply chemical expense is up due to the need to deal with permitted copper and phosphorous levels.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

The next Commissioners meeting – Monday, September 24th at 9:00AM.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.