

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
February 25, 2019 at the Treatment Plant

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on February 11, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Superintendent's Report

Chuck reported that the plant was running smoothly. He and Stan are currently doing maintenance work, fixing leaking pipes, repairing heaters, etc.

Chuck said that a prime focus this spring will be on manhole repairs. The Commissioners discussed various options for accomplishing these repairs, since it is hard to find qualified contractors who do this type of work and are available. The State is not expected to begin resurfacing work on Main Street for several years yet. School Street is badly in need of resurfacing that means the manholes should be dealt with at the same time.

Chuck suggested that the Town change the operation of the fountain in front of Town Hall so that water isn't wasted by being blown on to the ground by the wind. Ray offered to check into the matter with Jim Bingham.

Administrator's Report

Ray distributed copies of the January revenue and expense reports. Revenue during this month is typically low. The report shows \$10,000 withdrawn from savings to improve cash flow.

One line item that was over budget was the purchase of a piece of safety equipment, a gas sampler. Ray reported that the State price for truck gas was still higher than at Irving's. So we will continue to purchase gas at Irving's, until such time as there is a reversal in pricing. The District can go back to using the State pump in Davisville at any time.

On the groundwater injection project, Ray distributed a draft purchase and sales agreement from Tim Blagden. The final price agreed to is \$58,400 with a \$3,000 down payment due on signing. Ray hopes to have Tim come to the next meeting to execute the document.

Ray also reported that John Warzocha has been in touch with NHDOT to see about getting their approval of a discharge easement, meaning that the Department understands that there is a possibility for the underground passage of treated effluent across the State I-89 property. Ray emphasized the smallness of the State parcel affected by this potential passage. Ray and Horizon Engineering have had a meeting with DOT to explain the project and its possible impacts. So far no formal response has been received from the State.

Discussed the preliminary engineering grant of \$30,000 from Rural Development that has been submitted. Ray was told that these funds would likely be awarded by the end of March.

Chuck suggested that the District maintain its NPDES permit for discharging treated effluent directly into the Warner River, in case problems with the planned groundwater project arise once it is in operation.

Concerning the parcel abutting the groundwater property to the west, Ray said that he plans to meet with the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday to discuss the potential for the District to use this property for access to the ponds for maintenance work. Options include keeping the parcel in

Town ownership, with the District paying a fee for the access for a period of time. Another way to go would be for the District to purchase the land, perhaps with a series of annual payments. Ray said he will brief the Commissioners on the results of his discussion with the Town.

Other Business

The Commissioners discussed the topic of a third well. One thought was to find a site behind the new fire station, where natural springs are known to be abundant. Chuck commented that often a bedrock well source of water could be incompatible with the District's principal source – the river aquifer. Another idea that Chuck raised was to drill a third well on the current well property and call it a repair of the well field. Chuck said this could get around DES's objection to putting a well in the flood plain by characterizing it as a "repair".

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

The next regular meeting will be March 11, 2109.
Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.