

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
May 22, 2019 at the Treatment Plant

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on May 8, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Superintendent's Report

Chuck advised that NHDES has sent draft regulations regarding the twice yearly testing of backflow preventers in establishments that have fire suppression systems, in conformance with State law. The State hasn't been pushing enforcement of this cross connection program in small water districts until now. The District has to adopt the regulations as part of its By-Laws.

Chuck said he is feeling pressure to institute the program sooner rather than later. The concern is the potential contamination of the District's water supply that could result from a catastrophic failure of backflow preventers in these situations. The costs associated with testing and installing correct devices is placed on the property owner. Chuck said that it is suggested that the District assume billing for these services by certified contractors in its normal billing process and add an administrative fee to each instance to cover our costs. Chuck distributed the list of properties affected by these regulations – about two-dozen businesses and municipal buildings.

The Commissioners will review the draft regulations in preparation for their next meeting. Ray will put together a plan for the next steps. He anticipates the Commissioners adopting the rules on a provisional basis subject to ratification of the annual District meeting next March. He will also propose an administrative fee to be charged.

Chuck announced that he will attend a class on breweries and their impact on water suppliers and waste treatment facilities tomorrow in preparation for the expected approval of the microbrewery on Depot Street.

Chuck advised that he and Stan will be conducting an investigation of manholes in the precinct. Discussed a recent incident on West Main Street involving a clogged waste main that was cleared through the help on Henniker Septic.

Concerning variable frequency pump controls at the water plant, Chuck said he is looking at a second contractor for cost estimates and interest in this project. This investment by the District will hopefully solve the cavitation of Well #1, creating bubbles in the water, that has been plaguing the water supply on and off for the past year.

The Commissioners also discussed possible sinking a replacement well on the Chemical Road site as a long-term solution, noting that this option would be cast as a repair, not a new well. Chuck reported that EEI is coming tomorrow to address the VFD control system's problem of not all of the treatment plant's pumps starting whenever the generator comes on line. This problem affects the head-works building pumps particularly.

Administrator's Report

Ray advised that he has been in contact with NHDOT regarding the needed easement for the groundwater injection project. NHDES has offered to intercede on the District's behalf. Ray will

contact Warner's representative to the Legislature for their assistance on breaking the apparent impasse at DOT.

Ray reported on a letter received from Ken Millender who sits on the Warner River Advisory Committee in which Mr. Millender represents that the Committee is requesting a considerable amount of information concerning the District's planned groundwater injection project, such as the source of copper in the plant's effluent. Ray said he has forwarded this letter to our engineer who estimated the cost to address the questions raise would be about \$2,000. The Commissioners agreed to respond that the District, in its planning for this project, will comply with all State and federal regulations and declines to respond to the request for information. Ray noted that this Committee has only advisory power.

Ray asked the Commissioners to give him and Chuck the authority to dispose of the 2008 Ford Ranger truck for the best offer they are able to obtain. The truck has 230,000 miles on it and has serious structural and electrical problems. The Commissioners voted to grant this authorization.

Ray reported that he has been approached by Knollwood Energy, an energy broker, who has proposed that the District agree to sell the RGGI credits to them for a price of \$17 for a three year period. Ray said that the District now is getting between \$5 and \$6. The Commissioners voted to enter into a three year contract with Knollwood and authorize Ray to sign the agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

The next regular meeting will be June 12, 2019.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.