

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
January 22, 2020 at the Treatment Plant

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meetings held on December 4, 2019 were approved as submitted. No meeting was held on January 8, 2020 for lack of a quorum.

Administrator's Report

Ray reported that Chuck was on sick leave.

The treatment plant continues to run smoothly.

The December revenue and expense reports were reviewed. Ray noted that income in both water and sewer had fallen short of budgeted levels. However, Chuck has been able to bring expenses in below budget so that final total expense of \$439,383 was less than the appropriated amount of \$448,482. Under the Sewer System, the Commissioners suggested requesting \$500 in Pump Station Maintenance rather than \$1.

Ray summarized the status of electricity costs with the solar array. The total cost the District paid for electricity this year is about even with what it would have cost without the solar array, based on electric rates at the start of the solar project. However, if the Eversource rate increase over the past year is taken into account, we are already experiencing a saving with the solar array. Ray said that he has committed the District to a three-year agreement for the sale of carbon credits at a guaranteed \$17 per KWH. This is substantially more than we had been getting.

The 2020 District budget was reviewed. The Budget Committee will review the District's budget on January 30 at 7 PM.

Ray reported that DES has recommended the District apply for a \$30,000 State Revolving Fund loan to have an Asset Management Program developed, with the total amount being forgiven, making this an outright grant. This Program would include an energy audit. The Commissioners debated the wisdom of taking this step and asked Ray to get further information on it.

Ray has found another way to have an energy audit prepared, namely applying to Eversource for a grant to carry it out. The District could then apply for a subsequent grant from Eversource to help pay for the variable speed pumps at the well site, which assumes a savings in electrical usage would result.

A draft of the 2020 District warrant was reviewed. Peter Newman agreed to run for his seat.

Ray reported receiving a letter from DES concerning the groundwater discharge project, saying that senior management at DES was investigating the possibility of accepting NHDOT's accommodation agreement as a legitimate substitute for an easement as specified in federal regulations. This is a hopeful development. The letter also mentioned that a recent phosphorous test reading showed 2 pounds of this material per day being discharged by the plant as opposed to 1.5 pounds per day in the last test result which is the permitted level. The Commissioners discussed the possible implications of this finding. Once the District is able to move its disposal to injection to the ground, this requirement will no longer be in force.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

The next regular meeting will be February 12, 2020.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.