

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
September 11, 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 meetings held on August 28, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Administrator's Report

Groundwater Disposal Project

Ray advised that the purchase price approved last meeting did not include the taxes owed on the property for 2019 in the amount of \$1,200. The Commissioners approved amending the total to be paid for Map 29, Lot 4 from \$51,800 to \$53,000. Ray said he would be meeting with Tim Blagden and Kristen Riley today at 10:30 for the closing at Sugar River Bank. The Commissioners also approved requesting a \$100,000 line of credit from Sugar River to cover the land purchase and related costs. Ray mentioned that the property being purchased actually consists of two tracts of land, namely the bulk of the lot and a strip that was formerly the Concord to Claremont Railway property.

Ray reported on the status of NHDOT's review of the District's request for its approval of the potential impact of the proposed infiltration ponds on I89 ROW. Phil Miles has indicated that all six NHDOT bureaus have completed their review. He asked for the District to meet with his assistant commissioner to go over the Department's position and to hear from the District directly. This meeting is set for September 25 at 1 PM in Concord. Ray suggested that the Commissioners attend the meeting with him and John Warzocha.

Ray reported that he is waiting for a response from EPA concerning the possibility of their allowing the District's standard for copper level in its effluent put directly into the river to be based on weight as opposed to PPM.

Ray said that the \$30,000 grant from Rural Development for preliminary planning and engineering has been approved. He suggested that this project should be able to go live in the spring of 2020.

Other Matters

Ray reported that Stan is off on military duty for two weeks.

The financial reports for July and August were distributed. Ray reviewed the current status and said that, overall, things were on budget.

Ray has started working on the 2020 budget. He has talked to Clyde Carson about the Town's turning over to the District all hydrant maintenance in exchange to an annual payment to the District sufficient to cover winter and summer chores as well as hydrant replacement. Ray said he will use his position on the Budget Committee to lobby for this measure.

The Commissioners discussed the matter of updating the District's capital improvements plan and agreed to put this issue on next meeting's agenda.

Superintendent's Report

Chuck reported that hydrant flushing will be initiated in the coming month.

He said the new water line to Town Hall has been completed.

Chuck asked the Commissioners to give serious attention to installing VFD controls on the well pumps as soon as practicable. He said that the system would cost about \$25,000 under contract with Electrical Installation Inc. This would allow Chuck to monitor and control pumping

remotely on his tablet, thus making unnecessary special trips to the water plant in case of alarms as is current practice. The installation of these controls will allow the pumps to be operated much more efficiently in terms of adjusting their pumping rates to meet demand for water. After some discussion the Commissioners approved signing a commitment with EII to get on their schedule. Chuck said that due to the company's heavy workload, it would probably be several months before they would get to us. Ray indicated that there are sufficient funds in this year's budget to cover some on this work with the remainder to come from the 2020 budget.

Chuck reported on another project that the Commissioners need to consider for next year, replacing the controls for the McDonalds pump station. This would cost about \$10-15,000.

Chuck also commented on his desire to purchase a trailer to haul the brush hog and related tools used to take care of the well property and the two storage tank sites. There was discussion as to whether a covered trailer might not be a good choice.

Chuck reported that he had met with representatives of NHDES last week on its annual review of the treatment plant. He said that they are very supportive of the District's groundwater injection project and urged the Commissioners to pursue its' completion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

The next regular meeting will be September 25, 2019.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.