

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
January 20, 2021 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Peter Newman 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 December 9, 2020 were approved as submitted.

Superintendent's Report

Well #1: Chuck reported on hydro-engineer, Barry Miller's planned approach to investigating the viability of putting Well #1 back into service. This involves drilling two test wells in close proximity of Well #1 to assess the groundwater situation. The estimated cost of this phase is \$42,000. Assuming a favorable result of this phase, Well #1 would be redug in the same location, with a larger diameter hole and the addition of gravel, and put back into service. The second step in this process is estimated at \$50-60,000.

Groundwater Injection Project: Chuck described a recent experience with NHDES taking samples of treatment plant effluent to detect levels of nitrates and ammonia. Chuck said he had taken similar samples within a day of the DES sampling and had them tested at Sunapee Treatment Plant. Chuck's test results indicated a reading of about 5, while the State's result showed a reading of 30. Chuck argued that these contradictory readings couldn't both be true. He said that the District needs to purchase a nitrate/ammonia meter that can be used here to obtain immediate readings of the level of these substances, since they are critical to understanding and managing the treatment plant process once the injection process becomes operational. The meter costs \$4,900 and will allow staff to manage the process. The Commissioners approved \$5,000 for the purchase of the nitrate meter.

Administrator's Report

Ray reviewed the revenue and expense reports as of the end of December. Total income of \$483,000 was about \$3,000 below budget at year's end.

Ray summarized the status of electricity costs and said that the District is on the positive side of things since Eversource has raised electrical rates 13 percent since 2016 when the solar array was installed. Ray also said that the variable frequency drives at the water system are resulting in lower electricity billing.

Ray reviewed the annual meeting warrant. Election of one Commissioner, Clerk and Treasurer and adoption of the budget for 2021 are the only items before the meeting. Ray proposed and the Commissioners Agreed to hold the annual meeting in Town Hall in view of the small number of articles and the traditional light attendance at that event.

Ray went over the 2021 budget and explained the rationale for various items. The Commissioners were comfortable with ray's draft. This is a preliminary budget that the Budget Committee will consider on January 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.
The next regular meeting will be February 10, 2021.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.