

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Warner Village Water District Commissioners  
At 9:00 A.M. on  
October 13, 2021 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 September 8, 2021 were approved as submitted.

**Superintendent's Report**

Chuck reported that Barr Miller has completed tests of the two auxiliary wells and the results were not promising. He said Miller will clean Well #1 but will not introduce muriatic acid as part of the process since this chemical is thought to have caused the corrosion of the galvanized shield which has led to clogging of the well screen. This work is scheduled for next month. The Commissioners discussed the importance of getting a backup well on line as a priority. Options discussed were finding a site for a drilled well in a some area north of Main Street, and sticking with the existing well field or another promising site close to the Warner River. It was noted that DES staff have raised objections to locating new wells in the floodplain of the river. However, the aquifer underlying the river is the only practical, affordable area that the District can consider. The Commissioners agreed to wait for the results of Barry Miller's restoration work on Well #1. Ray said that the Conservation Commission is planning to apply for a grant to study the water resources of the town, particularly the aquifer underlying the Warner River. The District should cooperate with this study if it is funded.

Chuck advised that NHDOT is planning to do some repaving on Pumpkin Hill Road which will affect a manhole that will require raising. Chuck said other manhole restoration work in the precinct is proceeding.

Chuck mentioned that he has received a call from someone on Kearsarge Mountain Road about discolored water. He said that this could be caused by an unauthorized opening of a hydrant and asked the Commissioners to be vigilant for any such activity.

Chuck gave an update on the connection of the new Dunkin property into the District's pump station. He said that the electrical box is corroding and in need of being replaced. There is also other maintenance and improvement work that should be done to the station next year to make the equipment function more reliably and to allow for the easy hook-up of a generator in case of power outages. Chuck estimates the cost at about \$30,000.

Chuck raised the issue of the Town's failure to replace any hydrant during the past year, despite his regular conversations with Tim Allen. Ray said that the Town has routinely elected not to spend the \$5,000 budgeted for this work and allocated the money to other activities.

Chuck advocated for the Commissioners to put pressure on the Town to live up to their agreement with the District. He noted that the materials cost for one hydrant is \$3,000.

Chuck advised that NHDES/EPA is encouraging all NPDES permit holders to use a revised application form which will change the mix of required tests. Chuck said that the District should agree to this recommendation.

**Administrator's Report**

Ray Martin reviewed the August and September revenue and expenditure reports. The Commissioners discussed a number of items. Ray said that things are generally in line with the budget.

He then distributed the preliminary 2022 budget and reviewed increases and decreases in the

various components of the District's operations. Overall, the budget as it stands now is 2.49 percent higher than 2021. The budget includes a 3 percent salary increase for the three employees. Ray said that an increase in the water and sewer rents may need to be included in the 2021 annual meeting. Jim noted that half of the tie-in fees for the Dunkin property should be placed in the separate pump station account that is being set up. Ray agreed that this made sense. Ray briefed the Commissioners on the status of federal and State grant loan possibilities to cover the planned groundwater injection project and well upgrades.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

The next regular meeting will be October 27, 2021.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.