

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
October 27, 2021 at the Treatment Plant

Present: 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 October 13, 2021 were approved as submitted.

Superintendent's Report

Chuck reported that Barry Miller is currently on site at the well field and plans to pull the pump and TV Well #1 to determine the best course of action to bring it back into production.

Administrator's Report

Ray advised the Commissioners that he has made a written request for \$75,000 for the District from a Town allocation of \$306,000 in Covid relief funds. He said that half of this grant has been received with the balance to come to the Town next year. While uses for this money specifically include water and sewer projects, there is great latitude for the Town to allocate it to its own and to other, non-governmental purposes. Ray indicated that the Town has not yet set up a committee to advise it on the matter of a final allocation. He will stay in touch with the Select Board on it. Ray also reported that NHDES has not yet given its okay on the groundwater injection project's preliminary design. This lack of approval means that the District's engineer, John Warzocha, can't access the \$30,000 Rural Development's grant to pay for his company's services.

Ray reported that the City of Concord has advised the District of a 50% increase in its charge for accepting and processing sludge from the District's treatment plant. Chuck will find out if Franklin would accept sludge and what the cost would be. Also we need to check on trucking cost differences from Cassella.

On the 2021 budget, Ray suggested waiting for further discussion until January.

Ray said he has submitted all of the District's financial information to the Department of Revenue Administration necessary to set the tax rate for this year.

The Commissioners discussed several options to increase the District's revenue. One possibility is to increase the \$15 availability charge assessed quarterly for water and sewer service. A five dollar increase in each would net about \$8,000 annually. Another possibility is increasing the water and sewer rates. Either of these changes will require approval at the Annual Meeting. Also discussed was charging commercial customers a higher rate than residential users. One potential change in the status of the former Warner Power buildings on Depot Street was an inquiry from an individual representing ChemStation, a company that produces industrial cleaning agents used in a number of industries, such as food processing plants such as Stoney Field yogurt. No word yet on the Town's acceptance of this proposed new tenant. Ray explained that waste from this use would not come to the treatment plant for disposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

The next regular meeting will be November 10, 2021.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.