

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
January 11, 2023 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Shaun Murphy, and Dan Lavoie, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator;
and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held December 14, 2022 were unavailable for approval by the Commissioners.

Administrator's Report

Ray reported on progress of the groundwater injection project. Test wells and borings are underway to determine the quality of the subsurface material on the property across the river. Thus far conditions appear favorable, with 18 to 20 feet of permeable material having been identified. The plan is next to design the system of receiving ponds and carry out tests of pumping treated effluent to a few ponds this summer. This process will be carried out under NHDES oversight to evaluate the probable success of the injection project, looking forward to full integration into the treatment plant's process.

Ray advised the Commissioners that Governor and Council has approved the \$1.8 million loan/grant to the District for this project.

Ray reviewed the draft Warner Groundwater Protection Ordinance currently being considered by the Warner Planning Board. He said that the regulation of certain uses on land within the defined aquifer zones in town is designed to prevent groundwater contamination. This ordinance would be a boon to the District by helping to protect the quality of groundwater on which the District is dependent. The next Planning Board meeting to allow public comment before it is voted on by Town Meeting in March is January 31, 2023. One change recommended is to specifically exclude the treatment plant operation from being subject to the ordinance.

Ray next reviewed the year-to-date financial report. The financial picture at year's end is very good, due to a number of factors, among which was the receipt of State grant to refurbish Well #1 and an employee's being on disability for the better part of the year, thus avoiding salary and related expenses. The Commissioners discussed the advisability of a small water and sewer rate hike, given the surplus in the budget. Ray also pointed out that he transferred \$20,000 into the McDonald's lift station account and plans to follow a similar practice in subsequent years.

Ray said the Plant is running smoothly. The Commissioners discussed hiring a part-time employee to assist Chuck. Ray will contact a person of interest about this.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15; the next Commissioners' meeting to be January 25th.

Recorded by James F. McLaughlin, Clerk

