

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 3:30 P.M. on
October 11, 2023 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Shaun Murphy, Dan Lavoie, and Herm Blanchette, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk. Also, John Warzocha, Horizon Engineering.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held September 20, 2023 were approved by the Commissioners.

Administrator's Report

Ray reported that expenses currently are running below budget estimates and revenues are on target. One half of the precinct tax has been received. He also reported that the electricity account is in good shape. Revenue from net metering has increased, with \$1,700 having been received in July compared with about half that in other months. Ray reported on Chuck's work to limit infiltration of storm water to the treatment plant. He has obtained sealing kits to install on two manholes lying on the walking trail and will be working on the third manhole that has experienced groundwater entering the system in significant quantities.

Groundwater Injection Project

Ray reported that the test phase of the project is finally working as it was intended; the pumping problem has been solved, with mid thirties in gallons per minute being delivered to the site.

John Warzocha gave a report on the project, saying that the test data obtained from monitoring wells indicates that the site can handle the normal flows from the plant. He said that there is not a lot of groundwater in this area.

The principal concern with nitrates in the effluent is the impact on abutting properties. This issue goes back to the NH DOT's refusal to enter into an easement that would eliminate the problem. However, it is possible for the Department to enter into a Utility Accommodation Agreement which would achieve the same end. NHDES has not committed to accepting such an agreement. After discussing this matter further, John agreed to contact Cinde Warmington, an Executive Counsellor, to see if she can exert pressure on NHDES upper management. The point of this agreement is to acknowledge that NHDOT would never locate a drinking well in the proximity of the site.

The Commissioners reviewed the report from DPC, a consultant, on alternative treatment plant upgrades that NHDES has required the District to study. The resulting cost implications of this report are overwhelming, ranging from \$8.8 million to \$24.9 million. John advised that the best approach is to continue with the injection project to its conclusion and then evaluate which of the DPC recommended elements make sense for the District. The Commissioners agreed to invite DPC to the next meeting on October 25 or other suitable date.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Recorded by James F. McLaughlin, Clerk