

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
September 25, 2017 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Peter Newman, Peter Savlen and Dan Lavoie, Commissioners; Chuck Come, Superintendent; Ray Martin, Administrative Assistant; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on September 11, 2017 were approved as submitted.

North Village Road

Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report

Chuck related a discussion he had with Paul Raymond, Town's Public Works Dept., concerning hydrants and split maintenance responsibility. Ray said he had reviewed the agreement between the District and Town on hydrant maintenance and replacement.

The following summarizes the Commissioners' understanding on the matter.

The Town owns the fire hydrants, including the associated shutoff valves.

The Town is responsible for replacing hydrants that are no longer serviceable, in consultation with the District, and subject to the District's recommendation that hydrants should be of a standard type and brand for efficiency of operation.

The District will oversee the installation of hydrants to ensure their proper functioning.

The Town will continue to plow out hydrants in the winter months.

The District will continue to flush the hydrants on a scheduled basis, as well as paint them and install flags prior to winter. Furthermore, the District agrees to waive the annual \$2,000 payment by the Town for hydrant maintenance.

Chuck reported that both wells are now fully operational. Also mentioned the desirability of installing variable speed drives and controls for the wells as part of the District's capital improvements program.

He said that he intends flushing hydrants in the next few weeks.

On the groundwater injection project, Chuck reported that Horizon Engineering has walked the property on Rt. 103 and found that it appears to offer potential as a site for groundwater effluent injection.

The Commissioners agreed to take the following steps: craft an agreement with the landowner to allow a study of the soils on this parcel; revise the current agreement with Horizon, up to an additional \$2,500, to determine this site's suitability for groundwater injection; and to arrange for a backhoe/operator to be on site for the necessary pit excavations.

The Commissioners expressed their interest in acquiring this parcel if the study shows it to be an acceptable location. In this case, they agreed that any right-of-way easement granted to the Concord-Lake Sunapee Trail be limited solely to its use as a recreational trail.

Ray advised that Horizon's representative has offered to assist the District in applying for a \$30,000 grant that could be used to set up a temporary test of this project's viability.

Chuck reported that he has obtained a quote for installation of a generator transfer switch of \$5,500. The Commissioners agreed to approve the expenditure of up to \$5,500 on this project since this is considered an emergency situation that must be corrected as soon as possible.

Peter S. urged that a mega-test of the electrical lines involved be performed as a part of this

installation to ensure that no problems exist with the wires involved with this switch.

Chuck raised the issue of the District's need for a backhoe and said that rental costs are in the vicinity of \$300 per day, but would be lower for longer-term rentals.

Administrator's Report

Ray advised that he is working on addressing the Commissioners need for a clearer accounting of the plant's electrical power usage and how the solar component fits.

He also reported that Harmony has admitted it dropped the ball in obtaining the carbon credit payments promised at the start of the solar array project and has agreed to pay the District an amount owed to date - \$5-6,0000. They also plan to sign up with another agent going forward (Solar Farm Bank) to ensure the District receives the quarterly payments it is entitled to.

Ray said that he has been in touch with the Town regarding high water usage at the Police Station, associated with outside watering. He was able to show that the usage billed was consistent with the watering regime. Ray also discovered that the domestic water in this building is tapped off of the 6" sprinkler supply line. This situation is problematic since the water in this line does not circulate and could therefor be a source of contaminants to persons drinking the water. The solution would be a separate line to the main.

Ray reported that the State has passed SB121 that establishes a committee to study the question of the State assuming responsibility of administering the NPDES permits to discharge treated effluent into the State's waters. These permits are now under federal EPA authority in New Hampshire, one of only two states that have not delegated this authority to the State level. Ray intends to follow progress at the State level on this.

Discussed the Town's capital improvements program and the District's participation in it. Jim advised that the Planning Board has completed its CIP document without the District input. He agreed to update the District's list of future projects for further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 A.M.

The next Commissioners meeting: October 9, 2017 at 9 A.M.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk