

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Meeting November 5, 2018

Minutes

In attendance: Courtney Manning, Chairman

Doug DeCesare, Board member

Kevin Bartlett, DPW Superintendent

Steven Jones, Water department foreman

Greg Jackson, Resident

Jen Lapen, 95 Packard Street Resident

Call meeting to order: 5:32PM.

Read and approved minutes from 10/15/18.

**Gifford abatement resumed from last meeting:**

Water leak was repaired in a timely manner, and they stayed somewhere else until it was repaired. The water was turned off immediately upon finding the leak so as not to waste water. Member Decesare made a motion to bill the usage at the lowest tier. Chairman Manning 2<sup>nd</sup>. The abatement will be a credit.

**16 Highfield Drive abatement:**

Resident came home from vacation to a toilet running. She jiggled the valve to stop it, and then replaced the valve. She is not sure how long the toilet was running, and is looking for abatement for \$548.10. Member Decesare suggested calculating the usage at the lowest tier. Chairman Manning made note to contact the resident and inform her of that.

**Greg Jackson:**

Created a presentation for the Zoning Board, but the meeting was shut down. There's an absence in the water study, and the builder of Goodridge Estates is not giving information to the town. Jackson presented a chart showing the old water study, taking Scott Miller's numbers which shows a population decline. But a population decline can't really be predicted, he noted.

Questions presented by Mr. Jackson:

Chart- reflects Scott Miller's original report. It shows 3-5 years down the road being over the water buffer line. Without the development, we wouldn't have to increase the water permit. If we knew the

materials cost for the studies, the Zoning Board could request the developer cover the costs. It is undetermined how much this study will change when Scott's new information comes out.

Who's paying for it (studies)?

Supt. Bartlett: Engineering bills are paid for by the water department.

Jackson: We could look into making the developer pay for it.

When does the water permit have to be renewed? - Thinks it's correct for 2017, but still wants to know if we will need a new permit. Can we make the developer pay for it?

Impact studies- what do we need to do to make this work?

Supt. Bartlett noted that all previous studies have been impact studies.

Jackson responded in question whether Scott Miller is saying it won't work if we replace parts of piping?

Chairman Manning informed that we will not have access to the new study information until the next meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Jackson: Scott pretty much is saying all is fine. People are concerned about the water quality and pressure.

Member Decesare requested that Greg Jackson please seek further information from the board directly.

Haley & Ward water study will be reviewed and voted on next meeting.

Greg Jackson further mentions that he believes some of the studies and testing can be paid for by the developer.

#### **Jen Lapen at 95 Packard Street:**

Jen brings to the board the issue that the road elevation is rising, which causes flooding on her property.

Supt. Bartlett: We are supposed to be getting approximately \$200,000 from Chapter 90, so we should be able to mill Packard Street and overlay it.

The property floods in heavy rains, and in spring.

Chairman Manning requested we add extra berm to deflect water until we can effectively resolve the issue in Spring.

#### **R.T. Steele's vacation time:**

Tabled until member John King is in attendance.

#### **Fire hydrant color coding:**

ISO is coming in to the town to set the rate for fire insurance for home owners. They will be paying attention to color and flow.

Water foreman Steve Jones is looking to purchase a meter and Pitot gauge to do so (along with other projects), and he is to look in to the color caps for fire hydrants.

**HWY:**

Started winter truck maintenance. New bed chain and tensioner rollers installed. Valve bodies for plow controllers were replaced at \$1500. Still waiting on Kanus to screen sand, but we have plenty of sand and salt for now. Two CDL drivers applied for part time plow position.

**Cemetery:**

Two weeks ago the crew from Souza-Baranowski Corrections did all historic cemetery clean ups. They will touch on Center Cemetery for the revolutionary war ceremony. The old walker mower needs a blade fixed at an estimated \$2-300.

**Water:**

Received the verbal test results for the last 2 rounds at Parker, Charlotte, Rigby, and Public- everything's ok. We are still waiting to hear from the salesman on the new backhoe.

**Superintendent's Correspondence:**

The new water study is in, which will be on next meeting's agenda.

Part time employee rates are currently \$18.48 with a CDL, and \$17.10 without.

Other discussions:

**1000 George Hill Road abatement:**

Resident had an unusually high read, and is looking for help towards the bill. The water department went and investigated the property, and everything checked out fine. The board requests another read to determine further whether there is a problem or not.

**Water foreman Steve Jones:**

If water tests keep coming back negative, and rocks keep coming out when flushing, can we bill KJS for water usage?

Attach a meter, and calculate water usage if necessary.

Next meeting: November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Chairman Manning made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:53PM, member Decesare 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Courtney Manning, Chairman

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Doug DeCesare, Member

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