

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Meeting September 17th, 2018

Minutes

In attendance: Courtney Manning

John King Jr.

Kevin Bartlett

Ali from Goodridge Estates

Victoria Petracca and attending residents.

Call meeting to order: 5:30PM.

**117 Water Main Project:** Will be tying in to Schumaker Rd. on 9/18/18.

Wednesday- scheduled to cut the old 10" pipe and cap it. Work to take place Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, with Friday hopefully being the last day. Next is to contemplate what to do to make the road worthy for winter. Looking to do all of the west lane.

**Water rate increase:** Idea ran by Cheryl. She suggested a 3% increase. The last raise was done in 2016, which was a 2% increase. King made a motion to raise the rates 3%, Courtney 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**Lunenburg Water Maintenance:** Noreen Piazza recommended we discuss the maintenance for the water if we do get water from Lunenburg. It would be easier to let Lunenburg maintain it. It was suggested to have a master meter at the line, with individual meters at buildings. Manning made a motion to leave maintenance and other issues the responsibility of Lunenburg. King 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Ali:** The plans for Goodridge Estates were gone over with the fire department and water department. The study done for town water usage projection showed we were at capacity, but usage has gone down. Ali was looking for an update for that. He spoke to the fire department regarding water pressure. It was reported as 80-85 PSI. The plan is to tie in to Jones Crossing. He met with Kevin Bartlett and Steven Jones about specifically how to tie in.

Victoria Petracca noted that the Atlantic Union College is now closed, but is included in the water study.

King responded that Main St accounted for 759g, and is now 400g. Add 2% with George Hill Rd, and Maple St. and Orchard St. have gone up. Even with that into consideration, water usage for the town is still down.

Petracca stated she used street sensus. Two studies regarding the water usage are different. Bartlett said that they calculate by occupancy. King recommended they run numbers per house, per number of

**Public comment:** Victoria Petracca brought to the board that the sewer commission included failed septic systems that would need to tie in to the town sewer as part of their usage study. Would failed wells have to tie in?

Manning- for residents who have town water, they cannot have a well. If there is a water main, there will be no wells.

King- people who have wells don't have water near them to connect.

An attending resident questioned whether betterments were protected by the water district.

Manning- It would cost them money to connect to the water main.

Petracca questioned the water source for Runaway Brook, which was determined to be wells. James Monroe also was questioned, but has already been factored in to the study.

A resident pointed out that the sewer commission counted everything possible to connect. At what point is the water source maxed out and we need a 3<sup>rd</sup> well?

King- We have pumped a lot and we try to educate people to change shower heads, turn off irrigation when raining, etc.

Petracca again pointed out that although we are in a downward trend, we are still operating over our license of water usage. We are licensed for 530,000g and are currently at 560,000g. With the school closing, other points have not been factored in and we are already over the permit.

Manning- We have a 100,000g grace limit.

Petracca- We have already eaten into 30,000g of that grace, not factoring in the other things that were spoken about. We are unlikely to get another permit if we are above 10% in unaccountability for water.

Manning- Bartlett is to have Scott Miller perform another study.

Another resident brought up that the water smells of chlorine.

Bartlett- The DEP mandated chlorination of the water for the summer months. It will be done in October after the flushing of the town hydrants.

An attending resident informed that the Board of Appeals will be meeting September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Bartlett ended the meeting with notice that a resident called 2 weeks ago regarding cloudy and bubbled water at his residence on George Hill Road. It ran clean, then dirty a couple times. The home owner took a sample that resulted in positive coliform. The water department went back to the residence on Tuesday for testing which came back negative.

The resident had commented that he has used a mason jar with a lid to take the sample, which had been washed prior to use. Bartlett stated no other complaints had been made in the area.