



TOWN OF PAXTON

Water Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2014

Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Place: John Bauer Senior Center, 17 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612

Attendees: Jack Malone, Commissioner, Rodney Jenkins Commissioner, Dave Trulson, Commissioner Mike Putnam, DPW & Water Superintendent, Travis Thibault, Water Foreman, Carol Riches, Town Administrator

Presentation by Tata & Howard Inc. of Replacement of Maple Street Water Tank

Existing Tank

- Maple Street Tank is welded steel and constructed in 1934. It is 100ft high with a volume of 0.36mg.
- If we were to consider a rehab of this tank we would be looking at \$300,000.
- Problem with existing tank is unusable storage leading to high water age and low chlorine residual.
- Water Commission recommending a new smaller elevated tank that will reduce redundant storage but still have the capacity and pressure for the towns drinking water and fire protection.

The contract would be awarded in January 2015.

Tank would be erected 40ft closer to Maple Street than it is now.

Connect to same mains.

Anticipate the loan to be 2% for 20 Years

(TT) we need adequate pressure for this part of town and fire protection. Water quality is affected throughout town.

(KG) the project is on the SRF list due to DEP approval. Will reduce the storage in the tank from 350,000 gallons to 200,000 gallons. There is surplus water storage in the Asnebumskit tank

Anticipates a six month construction period and would restrict hours on site to be cognizant of neighbors.

Regular Meeting
Dunn, Pleasant Street

Mr. Dunn experienced an increase in water consumption for one month January; February bill back to normal.

(TT) conducted the usual procedures and found that the water went through the meter and was consumed by resident; could be the result of a tap left running.

(TT) explained the procedure to Mr. Dunn for testing the meter including the fact that there is a charge that is only reimbursed if the meter is found to be faulty, which is very rarely the case.

Mr. Dunn decided that it would be in his best interest to pay the bill.

Michael Putnam, DPW & Water Superintendent

(MP) Harry Hagen provided a new estimate for the Maple Street tank; increased from \$765,000 to \$895,000. This was mainly due to the soil test results

Travis Thibault, Water Foreman

(TT) Annual Statistical report complete.

Located two breaks on Pleasant Street; not related to each other.

RH White provided a quote of \$160 for each large meter tested.

Next meeting commission will decide on the best course of action for increasing water charges to fund the SRF loan.

Motion (JM) seconded (RJ) to adjourn meeting at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Riches, Town Administrator

Accepted Water Commissioners:

John Malone