



## **TOWN OF PAXTON Water Commissioners Minutes of Meeting**

**Date: Thursday, June 23, 2011**

**Time: 7:00pm**

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

Attendees: Jack Malone, Commissioner, Dave Trulson, Commissioner, Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent, Carol Riches, Town Administrator

Other Attendees: Rondney Jenkins, resident

### **Reorganization of Commission**

- **Motion (DT) seconded (JM) for (JM) to be Chair. (DT) Vice Chair. Absent seat to be filled by future Clerk. Unanimous all in favor.**

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### **Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion (JM) second (DT) to accept the regular meeting minutes of May 17, 2011. Unanimous all in favor.**

### **Capital Improvement Plan**

- Commissioners in receipt of draft CIP prepared by Tighe & Bond.
- Version 1 provided a full list of identified capital improvement needs at an anticipated cost of \$21,549,300 for full implementation and is not economically feasible using only the existing water rates. If these improvements were implemented over a 50 year period a 50% water rate increase would be required.
- The largest capital improvement item mentioned is the upgrading or replacement of two phases of 23,600 feet of unlined water mains at a cost of \$3.1 million
- Version 2 provided only urgent and critical need capital improvements at a cost of \$1,469,300 for full implementation and may be considered feasible using only water rate revenue.
- Due to the demographics of Paxton, there is little or no availability of grants to cover these necessary repairs.
- (MP) ongoing commitment to replace to water meters and a program to replace hydrants.
- Motion (JM) seconded (DT) to accept draft CIP and include funding of infrastructure discussion in future meetings. Unanimous all in favor.

#### **Water Meters**

- (MP) provided information on meters that are networked and read remotely.

#### **Account Balances**

- (MP) updated Water Commissioners on account balances, expected to need transfers within accounts.

#### **Tank Repairs**

- Ongoing repairs, Maple Street tank will be repaired on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Booster Pump Station**

- Still leaking.

#### **AMC**

- Streeter Road valve configuration took place today. Water will be shut off on June 27th on campus to connect the main between Sunset Lane and Streeter Rd.
- Awaiting hook up fee for the project.

#### **Fee Structure**

- (MP) would like to put in place a defined fee structure; will discuss at a future meeting.

#### **Revenues & Expenditure**

- Discussed revenues and expenditures. (CR) working with the Town Accountant and will have a report for the next meeting.

#### **Little League**

- Little League would like to put bathrooms in at Center Fields.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (DT) to waiver connection fee for the project. Unanimous all in favor.**

#### **Worcester Water**

- Still working with Worcester Water for a reduction in rates.

Next meeting July 21, 2011.

**Motion (JM) seconded (DT) to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted

Carol Riches, Town Administrator

Accepted Water Commissioners:

John Malone

David Trulson