



TOWN OF PAXTON Water Commissioners Minutes of Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2014

Time: 7:15pm

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

Attendees: Jack Malone, Commissioner, Rodney Jenkins Commissioner
Mike Putnam, DPW & Water Superintendent, Carol Riches, Town Administrator

Absent: Dave Trulson, Commissioner

Chairman opened the meeting at 7:25pm.

Meeting Minutes

- Motion (JM) seconded (RJ) to accept the meeting minutes of June 12, 2014.

Paul Robinson Re 662 Pleasant St

- Paul Robinson requested that the Board give some water rate relief for multi-family homes. His calculation (per document attached) shows that he will be expected to pay an additional \$240 a year. He suggested either giving a commercial rate or double allowance of the first rate.

The Board discussed the following in this regard:

- Change in rate structure
 - Double meters
 - Other residents effected
 - Light Dept. billing
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- Board took under advisement to do a little research and will address at the next meeting.

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AMC Meters

- Received quotes for new meters:
 - 2"MVR = \$782
 - 3"MVR = \$1495
- These will be ordered and installed.

PCS New Meters

- The meters were installed at PCS and the readings show an increase over previous records of at three times.

Michael Putnam, DPW & Water Superintendent

- (MP) gave his monthly update of the FY14 accounts.
- Will be acquiring a new hand held unit as current one is going out of service, upgrading from a FC200 to FC300 which will include docking station, mica light. No training will be required and if there is a problem at any time with the unit a temporary replacement will be overnighted. Cost will be shared with the Light Dept. and will be \$2970 for each dept.

Maple Water Tank Update

- Received specs from Tata & Howard and are currently reviewing these. Need more clarification on what is actually included in the SRF loan request as the amount may not be sufficient.
- Already advised that the cost of transferring the antennas is not included, (MP) and (CR) intend to meet with Mark Cady, IB Communications to get a better idea of the costs.
- T&H pointed out that the current generator will not be sufficient and would require replacing, price to be determined.

Travis Thibault, Water Working Foreman

- (TT) reported bad water samples at three sites. Need to post a message to residents in the press, website and cable.
- Not exactly sure what caused this but there was a water main break discovered on South Street shortly after the bad samples. This was reported by a resident who stated that she could smell bleach (chlorine).
- There was also a further water break this week on Crystal Street.

Worcester Water Secondary Water Source

- (MP) DEP is looking for Paxton to release water to Worcester to sell to Leicester as a secondary source. Water Commission is not opposed to the idea and are willing to discuss further on receipt of more communication from Worcester..

Motion (JM) seconded (RJ) to adjourn meeting at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Riches, Town Administrator

Accepted Water Commissioners:

John Malone

Documents:

Letter from Paul Robinson

Bacteria Detection