



TOWN OF PAXTON Water Commissioners Minutes of Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2012

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 (absent) Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent, Travis Thibault, Water Foreman, Carol Riches, Town Administrator

DPW Superintendent

- Mike Putnam, updated commission on recent problems with the computer, that will generate service bills from Bob Brown and Akuity. Everything up and running again.
- Spaulding Woods plans of 5 houses is close to being approved by the Planning Board.

Water Foreman

- Travis Thibault is concerned with the amount of water loss, as much as 100,000 gallons a day. Believes that there is a leak going undetected and he continuing to seek out possible areas.
- Travis Thibault has fixed two leaks on Crowningshields and Marshall Street. Aiming to fix a leak at PCS 4/20/12.
- Jack Malone asked when the resurfacing on Grove Street would take place – response June-July.

FY12 Budget

Reviewed current FY12 account balances, no problems at this time.

FY13 Budget

- Reviewed the FY13 budget changes that were needed to be made due to the anticipated reduced revenue –Everyone agreed that these reductions will be very restrictive.

Water Rates

- Carol Riches indicated that based on the revenues that we are currently seeing, have no alternative but to increase the water rates. This will be reviewed fully at the next meeting when all Commissioners are present.
- Jack Malone, will call Phil Guerin, City of Worcester to request that he maintains his promise of reduced costs etc. as outlined in his letter dated March 8, 2011.
- Rodney Jenkins, asked whether previously discussed infrastructure repairs and tank replacement was going to be considered further, indicated that it was a good time to borrow with the low interest rates in place. Jack Malone responded that the Commission needs to put a plan in place for necessary repairs etc. Will discuss at a future meeting.

- Rodney Jenkins stated that he would like to spend time with Mike Putnam and Travis Thibault to familiarize himself with water procedures and infrastructure in Town. To be arranged.

- Next meeting May 17, 2012

Motion (JM) seconded (RJ) to adjourn meeting at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Riches, Town Administrator

Accepted Water Commissioners:

John Malone

David Trulson

Rodney Jenkins