



TOWN OF PAXTON

Water Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 28, 2018

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; Travis Thibault, Water Superintendent; Carol Riches, Town Administrator

Guests: Kevin Quinn (Quinn Engineering) & Robert Clark

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Minutes

Motion (RJ) seconded (DT) to accept the meeting minutes of May 17, 2018. Unanimous, all in favor.

Spaulding Woods

(KQ) representing Robert Clark asked the Board to reconsider the previously agreed plan requiring the water main to loop the subdivision. Looking to eliminate 1700ft of pipe. Client willing to pay the 5 hook up fees in advance. There would be a hydrant at the end of cul de sac and that there is an existing one at the entrance.

(TT) stated that for 5 houses having so much water may lead to water quality issues. Would require that the hook up fees be paid prior to any mains going in the ground.

After a brief discussion Motion was made by (DT) seconded by (JM) to allow the project to move forward with 7ft of 8" ductile. (RJ) abstained as an abutter.

AMC

(TT) received \$11,000 for permitting fees but the project has not started at this time.

Water Quality Complaints

(TT) received two complaints of poor water quality at 543 Marshall & 116 Davis Hill. Tested water for both houses and no issues. Provided residents with the reports.

DEP

(TT) DEP recategorized unaccounted water and the percentages changed from 20.3 to 21.8.

Red Oak St

(TT) contractor working at a residence on Red Oak failed to call Dig Safe and hit the main on two consecutive days. Billed the contractor but returned undelivered. Motion made by (RJ) seconded by (DT) to send the same bill for \$350 to homeowner. Homeowner can then choose to deduct from project bill or have contractor pay. Unanimous in favor.

Gap Grant

Scope of work approved by DEP

Leaks/Maintenance

(TT) assisted with a leak on a water line at 104 Holden Rd. Replaced a hydrant on Streeter Rd. Dug up and replaced box at 12 Orchard to provide water. Fixed a break at Birchwood. Yield Management repaired the alarm at the pump station. Installed composite style meter at Worcester County to allow signal to be read.

2 Lincoln Circle

(TT) conducted a leak audit at 2 Lincoln Circle to ascertain reason for large water usage for one month. Could not find any issue, replaced the meter and resident looking for an abatement.

Board discussed and as this is the first time for this resident; Motion made (DT) seconded (RJ) to allow an abatement of \$60 (50% of bill) but no further abatement without full investigation. Unanimous in favor.

Employees

Kim Peloquin, admin assistant leaving the end of the month.

New Meters

(TT) had problems reading some new meters, Stiles is going to provide an activation key for startup of meters. Meters working well and picking up leaks.

Water Hookups

Three requests for up hook ups at 14 Nipmuck and units 34 & 36 Village Way.

Treasurer Request

(TT) Written requested received from Treasurer to borrow Water Enterprise funds if needed for cash flow; would repay within a month of borrowing. Motion (DT) seconded (RJ) to allow the Treasurer to borrow what is needed and repay within one month. Unanimous.

FY 18 Budget

Revenue not coming in as expected so being conservative on spending. Have \$114,000 bills outstanding and would like to purchase a Tractor brush hog & trailer approximate cost \$13,200. Motion made (DT) seconded (RJ) to purchase trailer up to \$13,200. Unanimous.

- Next meeting to be determined. Motion (JM) seconded (DT) to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Riches, Town Administrator

Accepted: 

John Malone, Chair

Documents: Gap Grant Scope of Work on File at Water Dept.