



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

Date: Thursday, November 1, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Attendees: Jack Malone, Commissioner; David Trulson, Commissioner; Rodney Jenkins, Commissioner; Travis Thibault, Water Superintendent; Tiffany Sidhom, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes

Motion (DT) seconded (RJ) to accept the meeting minutes of October 11, 2018. Unanimous, all in favor.

Spaulding Woods

(TT) reported that the water main installation is 100% complete. (TT) has not received the bacteria results back but was told that the samples passed. (TT) will not turn on water there until he receives the report.

Lead and Copper Samples

(TT) reported that lead and copper sampling was completed and all samples were below allowable levels. Letters that included sample results were mailed to each testing site.

October Samples

(TT) advised that there were bacteria hits with the original water samples taken in October. However, a second set of samples collected on October 12th were all absent of bacteria. (TT) stated that the DEP requires that a DEP contractor must do a visual inspection of the Asnebumskit water tank. Utility Services will perform said inspection for a fee of \$850.

Asnebumskit Water Storage Tank

(JM) requested that in addition to the quote being obtained for any necessary work at the Asnebumskit water tank, a quote be obtained for the replacement of the water tank, if necessary. (TT) advised that the tank was inspected two years ago, and was found to be in acceptable condition at that time. However, (TT) also advised that there is noticeable wear to the roof of the tank.

Water Hookups

(TT) reported that a home is being built at 2 Pine Street for which they will need a 4" water main for a fire suppression system. (TT) suggests a fee of \$8,750 to run a 4" water main. Motion (DT) seconded (RJ) to approve the fee of \$8,750. Unanimous, all in favor. Request for Service approved and signed by all.

A Request for Service for a water hookup at 771 Pleasant Street was approved and signed by all.

(TT) reported that both 2 Pine Street and 771 Pleasant Street are hoping to get tied in this year. (TT) notified homeowners that November 15th is the cutoff for digging.

The service at 222 Richards Avenue has been installed. Three properties are built; there will potentially be a fourth property built in the Spring/Summer.

Anna Maria College

(TT) confirmed that he will be at the college when the fire suppression system is tested.

(TT) reported that since installing new meters at the college, there has been a huge decrease in unaccounted water. (TT) found 2 meters at the college that were not in the system (the college was not being billed for).

Water Meters

(TT) reported that 160 new meters are currently installed and all current issues with the new meters and the billing system have been resolved. After the Water Department completes hydrant flushing, they will resume the installation of new meters.

Water Quality

(TT) reported that there continues to be water quality issues on Holbrook Lane. (TT) believes that the pipe may be deteriorating because of its age. The Water Department continues to flush in this area every 1-2 weeks for 30-40 minutes to help with the water quality.

Water Superintendent Reports and Updates

(TT) reported the following:

- Mrs. Copp, the homeowner of 28 Lincoln Circle, was satisfied with her reimbursement of \$48.73.
- On October 18th (TT) attended a DEP class and will be applying for a grant for GIS mapping that will build a layer for the Water Department. Said mapping provides GPS coordinates for hydrants, gate boxes and curb stops.
- On October 25th, both (TT) and David Tardie attended a class for emergency response plan training. As a result of said class, (TT) advises that the Water Department update its emergency response plan and (TT) has contacted Tata & Howard to provide a quote for updating said plan. Additionally, (TT) reported that at this class he had an opportunity to meet with the Superintendents from surrounding towns and begin to discuss mutual aid. A group will plan to meet after the first of the year to talk about potential mutual aid scenarios and (TT) will attend.
- Tata & Howard will also provide a quote for engineering and upgrading the water main on West Street.

- On October 30th, (TT) spoke with 3 contractors (LaFleur Electric, Gregoire Electric and Troy Brown) who will each be providing quotes to perform the pump station work as per the GAP II grant. (TT) hopes to have the quotes within the next couple of weeks.
- The cost of health insurance is increasing by 7.5% this year.
- To date, only one hydrant on Streeter Road has had to be replaced.

FY19 Budget

The Board reviewed the water accounts, receipts and expenses to date.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for December 6, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Tiffany Sidhom, DPW Administrative Assistant

Accepted:


John Malone, Chair