



TOWN OF PAXTON Water Commissioners Minutes of Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 17, 2013

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

Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Mike Putnam, Water Superintendent

- Water account balances and water usage for 2012 calendar year handed out. Records show that we are pumping 200,000 gallons/day average now as opposed to 300,000 gallons/day prior. The total pumped for calendar year 2012 was around 100 million gallons, 2011 was 112 million gallons. Savings related to leak detection, locating and repairing leaks in system. Unaccounted for water usage will show decrease as well.
- Permit signed to allow Robert Aulizio, 6 Hemlock St to connect to water (when he is ready).
- Two water breaks since last meeting in November, on Richards Avenue and Old Lantern Circle; in the process of investigating another.
- (MP) Would like to change the faulty valves at the intersection of Maple Street and Richards Avenue sometime this year, and continue with program for major intersections from this time forward.
- (MP) reported that (TT) had completed the Cross Connection surveys and violation letters have been issued.
- Sample tap at Asnembumskit water tank installed.
- DEP required a sample taken for asbestos, originally scheduled for September was done in December. The sample was negative and DEP is satisfied.
- (TT) has managed to reduce the numbers on the meter trouble list down to just two residents; hoping to gain access to these properties.
- Battery backup for the computer at the pump station was recently replaced.
- Flushing completed in December.
- Roof at pump station leaking; suggestion made to look at creating a pitch roof and/or new membrane.

Maple Street Tank

- (MP) Harry Hagan of Aquastore is willing to return to a Water Commissioners meeting to discuss options for a new water tank on Maple Street. (MP) and (TT) visited the fairly new tanks at Medway and Framingham. They are 60-80 feet high ours is currently 100 feet. These tanks are erected in just two weeks.

- All agreed that using the same footprint would probably be more acceptable than looking to change location on site.
 - (MP) will meet with Don Tata of Tata & Howard to discuss engineering needs for the project, after which he we will look to have a meeting to discuss best approach.
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- Motion (JM) seconded (RJ) to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. Unanimous all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Water Commissioner

Carol Riches, Town Administrator

John F. Malone