

Water Commission Minutes March 18 2019

Present: Bard Hill, Christy Witters, David Sander, Fran Huntoon, Josh Arneson, Kendall Chamberlin, Connie Bona, Jessica Draper, Brad Worthem, Linda Parent
Absent: Bob Reap

Called to order: 6:04pm

Addition to the agenda: Kendall asked to discuss the historic wooden water pipe

Disconnection policy: Josh explained that he and staff had reviewed and edited the disconnection policy. Josh then read through the policy to go over the changes. Bard requested an edit to the balance line regarding more or less than \$3,000. Kendall requested an edit to the posting line regarding multiple entrances. Connie discussed the tax sale process and discussion ensued regarding distribution of the new policy. The commission decided to review and approve the final draft of the policy at their next meeting.

West Main Extension Grant Opportunity: Josh presented the grant opportunity to partially fund the West Main Street extension of the water and sewer service lines. Bard explained that this process had been previously halted due to funding. Josh explained that these letter of intent before them did not commit the town to applying for the grant. Connie and Christy discussed that it is a reimbursement style Grant and only covers 50% of the \$800,000+ project. Kendall explain that the grant may be enhanced by other grants. Kendall also explain the need to extend the service area prior to installing an extension of the water sewer service line. Kristy explained that she did not support pulling development from the village and thinks that zoning should come first in the Gateway before the extension. She requested that we remove the field system natural resource protection language in the letter. Bard Hill explained that we do need to ensure that the phase one extension has capacity for further extensions. Christy moved to forward the letter for approval to the selectboard including the deletion of the sentence mentioned prior regarding Phase 2. Seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved.

Superintendent's report: Kendall discussed the public and private system issue. he explained that we need a mechanism to formally transfer ownership. Mary Houle mentioned the process that is used when the town takes over a road and that it could be applied in this case. the commission asked about zoning permits and Jessica explained that we need to add permits that pertain to the Water Department.

Purchase Order Approval: Bard Hill moved to approve the purchase order 3705 for \$25,139.95. seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved

Minutes Approval: Bard Hill moved to accept the minutes of March 4th. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved.

Next Agenda: The commission decided to discuss the disconnection policy and public versus private permitting and fees at the next meeting.

Bard Hill moved to adjourn. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor. Adjourned 6:58pm.