

Water Commission Minutes 4-15-19-DRAFT

Called to Order: 6:00pm

Present: Bob Reap, Bard Hill, David Sander, Fran Huntoon, Josh Arneson, Kendall Chamberlin, Jessica Draper, Gary Bressor, Mary Houle

Changes to the Agenda: None

Annual Meeting: Josh announced that the location of the library had been secured for the annual water meeting. The agenda items have remained the same since the prior discussion. There was discussion about mailing about mailing the meeting announcement out with the consumer reports. The commission asked for Josh and Kendall to update a powerpoint presentation for the meeting and to ask Linda to use one of her outside signs to announce the meeting that way as well. It was decided to finalize meeting plans and materials at the May 6th meeting of the commission.

NBRC Grant for West Main Extension: Josh read an email he received that stated the NBRC had received over 80 applications for the grant funding. The timeline for zoning changes in the gateway district was briefly discussed. Discussion ensued about how detailed the grading criteria was for the grant applications, and there was some skepticism about our likelihood of being awarded. Josh and Bob agreed to meet to further discuss potential development in the gateway.

Utility Connection and Public/Private System Policies: It was discussed that these policies are still under review and will be ready for commission review at the next meeting.

Biosolids Contract: Kendall presented a final copy of the biosolids contract that had been in the works for several months. He explained the main differences between the new contract and the old contract was a change to which facilities could be used and some reduced fees. David Sander moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Fran Huntoon. All were in favor. So moved.

Superintendent's Report: Kendall provided an update about the asset management program. He said that they were sharing resources with Hinesburg for that continued effort. Kendall also reported that Aaron was still working through trainings, and that there had been a recent incident where a bad load of septage had shutdown another facility. The commission asked about a leak on Thompson Road, and Kendall explained that it had been due to a fitting not being tightened during installation and was likely leaking for a long time. Kendall discussed the paving projects coming up and reminded the commission to consider working with the town highway department to reduce costs of paving if they are able to pay the highway department to complete small paving jobs. Kendall mentioned that the Water Resources pick up truck is in need of replacement and wanted to know if there was a policy restricting purchases to new

vehicles only. No one in attendance knew of such a policy. Kendall was encouraged to look for a quality used vehicle for cost savings due to the fact that the Water Resources vehicles do not get heavy usage.

There was brief discussion about potential flooding happening as the meeting was taking place.

Minutes: David Sander moved to approve the minutes of 4/1/19. Seconded by Fran Huntoon. All were in favor, so moved.

Warrants and Purchase Orders: No questions, or motions necessary.

Agenda items for next meeting: Budget, UCP Permit and Policies, Annual meeting, Super's Report, NRBC Grant

Gary Bressor asked to discuss an issue he has with the impending policy. He has currently installed 6in pipe which is less than the proposed specs at 8in. He would like his system at Peaceable Kingdom taken over as a public system, but does not want to replace the newly installed pipe. Kendall said as long as there are no hydrants on the system he sees no major issue with the 6in existing pipe, but that the commission would need to vote to accept it as an exemption the policy.

David Sander moved to adjourn. Seconded by Fran Huntoon. All were in favor, adjourned 6:50pm.