

**RICHMOND WATER AND SEWER  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 6, 2014 MINUTES**

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Members Present: Bard Hill; David Sander (arrived 5:55 pm); Bruce Bailey; Bob Fischer

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager, Kendall Chamberlin, Water Resources; Chris Fischer; Sheila Bailey; Peter Pochop, Green Mountain Engineering; Kevin Camara, Green Mountain Engineering; Maureen Kangley; Harold Irish; Bob & Joy Reap; Peter Mumford; Rod West; Heidi Bormann; Mary Houle; Tom Coggio; Tom Hark; Mike Stromme; and Ruth Miller was present from MMCTV to tape the meeting.

Mr. Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**1. Welcome and Public Comment**

Mr. Hill asked if there were any comments from the public, but there was none.

**West Main Extension Report**

Peter Pochop and Kevin Camara of Green Mountain Engineering were present to discuss the final draft of the West Main Phase I Scoping Study. Mr. Camara led the discussion through a computer slide show that explained the costs associated with the project, the designed routes of the utilities and emergency access road, and other considerations.

Following the presentation, there was discussion, particularly about the Reap development proposal and how they required additional water and sewer, or else they would scale down their plans for private well and septic. It was acknowledged that if the Reap property was not served by this project, then other properties would not have the opportunity either, due to cost factors and the fact that the Reaps significant development would not be paying for any part of the extension. There was discussion of who would pay, how much would they pay and how it would be paid. There was no plan put forth at this time to answer those questions. Mr. Camara reviewed several scenarios, and said that potentially users of the system may be asked to pay an additional \$25 per quarter under one scenario.

Ms. Kangley said she might be willing to pay this for the economic development benefits. Mr. West said that the debt service for this project should be paid by those on the expansion.

Following more discussion, Mr. Hill said that this project appeared to have a "yellow light" and we can proceed with developing the ideas. We really needed to examine costs, hookup fees and any additional quarterly revenues.

Ms. LaBounty asked if there was any agreement with the schools, and Mr. Hill said there was not at this time, but they were involved in several meetings and they have copies of the draft report.

Mr. Hill asked what the timeframe for decisions was for the Reap development. Joy Reap said they would like to break ground on something in the Spring. She said the town needed to consider tax income from better development as a benefit, not just water revenue.

Heidi Bormann recommended the town contact Peter Brown, owner of the mobile home park.

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Mr. Hill said this would be discussed again on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Financial Reports

The Board reviewed a FY2014 budget status and delinquent accounts. Mr. Hill said that the board would like to see a current year budget with reserve account balance reports also, for the next meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Chamberlin briefly reported that the Chlorine Project was functioning and the electrical and gates were the last two outstanding issues.

Maureen Kangley asked about the gates and why Gary Bressor was doing them. Mr. Pochop explained the gate issue and why Mr. Bressor was installing them.

**2. Adjourn**

Mr. Sander offered a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm and was seconded by Mr. Fischer. So voted.

