

Water Commission Minutes
2-18-2020

Called to Order: 6 PM

Members Present: Fran Huntoon, Christy Witters, Bard Hill, Don Morin

Absent: David Sander

Others Present: Josh Arneson, Town Manager; Kendall Chamberlin, Water & Sewer Superintendent; Kathy Daub-Stearns, Admin. Assist.; Ravi V, Planner; and Ruth Miller was present to videotape the meeting for MMCTV Channel 15; others present: Stefani Hartsfield, Kyle Hartsfield

1. Welcome by Bard. No comments.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

None.

3. Other Business

a. Discussion regarding sewer service expansion for 91 Willis Farm Rd.

Josh reported on the general agreement with the Reap's asking the commission to review it before drafting the formal agreement. Included in the discussion was whether the proposed system would be private or public, how any additions to the proposed system would be handled in the future, whether future customers would have to build to Town specifications if joining the proposed system, if future joiners to the system would need to have a State permit, extending the current system to join the proposed system, the addition of an end-date clause, whether the Town could legally shut off water to a customer with a private water supply to stop flow into the Town system if approved, and the necessity of an allocation request from the Reap's.

As a result of the discussion Josh will contact an attorney to ask for the specific legal cite that would allow the Town to shut water off on a private water supply and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

b. Update on cost to amend the current water rule

Josh reported that following the discussion with VLCT redoing the ordinance and not just changing the Rules is what needs to happen. Kendall is working on putting together a draft ordinance for the commission to review.

c. Update on Bridge St. infrastructure project

Josh reported the low bidder for the Bridge St. project is J Hutchins, a local company, their bid being slightly lower than the most recent estimate provided by the engineer. Green Mountain Engineers are reviewing the bids against the plans and will report back with a recommendation to bring to the Selectboard.

During the discussion that followed the question of whether or not the Commission would like to accomplish more using the same funds that have been approved. The Commission agreed to entertain the idea with additional information about what work would be done, the cost and deadlines for funding.

d. Update on status of purchasing a work truck

The truck should be delivered this Thursday, it's a 2007 Ford Ranger with 125,000 miles in excellent condition with no rust.

e. Superintendent's Report

Kendall reported:

- Tyler's training continues to go well.
- OPR is offering a paper exam so all three operators take the test.
- Aaron will attend the PFAS meeting at the State representing the Water & Sewer Dept. At issue the State is trying to increase the number of necessary PFAS tests and the tests cost \$1200 each.
- The flood management plan has been redone for the State, approval is pending.
- A walk-thru with Buttermilk is scheduled for next week with the preliminary visit having gone well. Buttermilk is talking about the 2nd and 3rd buildings now with the possibility of re-energizing the old creamery sewer line however some sections of that line may be a century old.

4. Approval of Minutes, Warrants and Purchase Orders

- a. Being no quorum for the approval of Minutes, due to Don's not attending the last meeting, the Minute approval was moved to the next meeting.
- b. Warrants were approved.

5. Discuss Items for Next Agenda and Adjourn

Sewer Ordinance review regarding ownership of lines to main after a property line
Additional work with any extra funds for Bridge St.
Water Budget / Sewer Budget review as separate items
Willis Farm Rd./ Reap proposed system
Status of Current Water Rule

Kristy moved to adjourn, Don seconded. All agreed.
Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM