

**RICHMOND WATER AND SEWER
REGULAR MEETING
October 20, 2014 MINUTES**

Members Present: Bard Hill; David Sander; 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; Bob & Joy Reap; Rod West; Beth Elkind; Cara LaBounty; Bruce LaBounty; Gary Bressor 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 update the Water Commission on revisions to the draft West Main extension. There was significant discussion on the design and costs associated with this study, which encompassed an area along Route 2 which included most of the Gateway zoning district and some property along the southern side of Route 2, known as West Main Street, as far as the Crate Escape.

Mr. Hill explained his concept of Phase 1 of the project, which was the line extending from the schools to the Reap property, and Phase 2, which was from the Reaps to the Crate Escape. He was focused on the cost split of these phases, and how those costs would be apportioned.

Mr. Bailey asked Mr. Chamberlin if the new water tank would have enough capacity and pressure to serve this area, and Mr. Chamberlin said that it would.

Mr. Hill said that for Phase 1, the costs to existing users should not increase. We needed to understand, for each phase, what was the cost, what would be the revenue generated from new connections and fees, and what would it take to get to a zero-net cost for the existing rates.

Mr. Bailey said he understood that this could cost \$1 million, but what if something happened part of the way through and we didn't realize the full revenue. Then the existing users would be on the hook for the balance.

There was significant discussion. It was discussed that the connections would be compelled and the revenue would have to be secured. It was discussed that there would be vote required before the system had legitimacy to service this area. Mr. Hill added that when we ask who pays, we can answer 1) new users 2) the town and 3) new development.

Mr. Fischer said we would not be generating additional revenue to the system for twenty years. Mr. Hill said we needed to focus on how this would be good for the system in general, not just what is good for the users today.

1 Cara LaBounty asked if our study assumed a maximum capacity for the new users, or a minimum
2 capacity. Mr. Camara said it was mostly usage based on existing use today, with the exception of the
3 Reap property.

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5 Beth Elkind asked if there would be an impact to the schools if this was done, and Mr. Hill said from a
6 utility standpoint, now, there was capacity to serve them separate from this project.

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8 Mr. Hill noted that for Phase 1 there was one user, but for Phase 2 there were 13 users. The focus
9 on costs can be measured with how many users each phase would net the town. Mr. Hill ran through
10 some next steps. He said we needed to proceed with reaching out once again to the land owners in
11 the study area. He said we needed concrete plans from developers by November 3rd and a
12 community meeting with those in the study area. The majority vote of all in the study area would also
13 need to occur.

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15 Mr. Hill noted also for November 3rd we would have to have a discussion about fire protection and
16 financial statements.

17 18 Superintendent's Report

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20 Mr. Chamberlin briefly reported that the Chlorine Contact Time project was complete and operational.
21 This year so far we've seen good septage revenue, and there were plans to install a shutoff valve at
22 on Pleasant Street, to eliminate the Jolina Court line which was old and lead to an abandoned
23 building. He added that the State of Vermont sent around a circular noting that the ebola virus was
24 not transmissible through the water supply.

25 26 Warrants

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28 The warrants were approved.

29 30 Approval of Minutes

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32 Mr. Sander offered a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2014 and was seconded by
33 Mr. Bailey. The motion carried 4-0.

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35 Mr. Sander offered a motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2014 and was seconded by Mr.
36 Bailey. The motion carried 4-0.

37 38 **2. Adjourn**

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40 Mr. Fischer offered a motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm and was seconded by Mr. Bailey. So voted.
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