

**RICHMOND WATER AND SEWER  
COMMISSION MEETING  
January 5, 2015 MINUTES**

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Members Present: Bard Hill, Chair; David Sander, vice Chair; Chris Granda; Bruce Bailey

Members Absent: Bob Fischer

Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager, Kendall Chamberlin, Water Resources; Harold Irish; George Gifford; Gary Bressor; Joy Reap; Sheila Bailey, Linda Parent, Town Clerk and Ruth Miller was present from MMCTV to tape the meeting.

Mr. Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Welcome and Public Comment**

Ms. Hill asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Chamberlin reported that the weather was cold, but so far, no problems were found. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a recommendation to clarify his request for funding of water for fire protection under the Fire Department budget. This called for removing \$3,006 from the Administration water and sewer budget and placing it into the Fire Department water and sewer budget, and creating an additional budget line of \$11,570 in the Fire Department for funding fire protection water use. There was some discussion, but it was agreed that this clarified the request to the Selectboard.

**Gary Bressor Water Connection Reimbursement**

Mr. Bressor was present to talk about his request for reimbursement for a failed water connection due to misinformation provided about the type of pipe to be connected to. The complaint was held from the prior meeting, where Mr. Bressor explained that he was told by the Water Resources Department that the water line in that area was PVC when it was actually transite. This cost time and labor because the water connection could not be completed due to wrong parts. Mr. Bressor provided a cost breakdown for his day, of \$1,827.44. There were amounts deducted for reusable materials, and the final requested reimbursement was \$1,274.88. There was some discussion about this.

Mr. Granda offered a motion to reimburse Mr. Bressor for \$1,274.88 for the unfortunate circumstance and was seconded by Mr. Sander and the motion carried 4-0.

**FY2016 Budget**

Mr. Chamberlin clarified his budget request, and wanted to mark revenues closer to what was seen in recent returns. He suggested we increase capital reserve funding based on these amounts. Mr. Chamberlin expanded on the need for reserves and upcoming projects. Mr. Hill clarified that the proposal was to use excess revenues for additional reserves. He said that these funds might also otherwise be used to lower rates or increase spending in other areas. Mr. Granda commented on the additional funds listed for the Gateway extension, and there was a short discussion on how would we know what to expect from that line at this time, or should we wait until we know more before we start counting those funds.

1 **Water Storage Tank Update**

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3 The Manager explained that Green Mountain Engineering was finished with the preliminary design  
4 and was going to the DRB on January 14<sup>th</sup> to seek site plan approval. There was then a brief  
5 discussion on the next agenda, to feature financial reports and budgets among other items.  
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7 **Adjourn**

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9 Mr. Sander offered a motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm and was seconded by Mr. Granda. So voted.

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