

Groton Water Commission

Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Groton Electric Light Department

**Minutes**

Present are BOWC's Vice Chair James Gmeiner, Member John McCaffrey, Water Superintendent Thomas Orcutt. The Chairman of the Board David Crocker and the Business Manager April Iannacone are not in attendance.

Mr. Gmeiner called the regular BOWC meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

**#73 Chestnut Hill Road**

Mr. Orcutt explained a situation at #73 Chestnut Hill Road where the owner desires to install running water to the detached garage for a bathroom. Under the current Rules and Regulations of the BOWC's, this would be considered a separate dwelling unit and would therefore be required to provide a separate water service to the dwelling and pay an additional System Development fee. It Ms. Livingston has no such desire to construct a separate dwelling on the premises but merely requests running water for a bathroom. It was suggested that Ms. Livingston place a deed restriction on the property until such time a second dwelling unit was requested. The recording fees were minimal. The Water Superintendent will draft the appropriate language for Ms. Livingston to record at the Registry of Deeds. There were no objections by either party.

**Mueller Systems:**

Lee Martin and George Demothenus of Mueller Systems made a presentation to the BOWC's on their Mi.Net fixed meter reading network. This is the system currently utilized by the GELD for their meter reading and billing process. The most advantageous point Mueller holds over the competition is that the fixed network or the hardware is currently in place and operating due to GELD'S investment in the network.

After the presentation, Mr. McCaffrey requested that the Superintendent create a spread sheet of the vendors that have presented to date. Mr. Orcutt stated that it had already been started and would be completed sometime around the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

**Minutes:**

Mr. McCaffrey made a motion to accept the minutes of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as written, Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously

**Baddacook Weed Control**

Mr. McCaffrey brought the BOWC's up to speed on discussions he has had with GPAC and potential courses of action on their part. Mr. McCaffrey went on to say he would not mind being the point person on behalf of the BOWC's regarding this issue. Mr. Gmeiner wanted it to be clear that the BOWC's primary role is to provide clean potable drinking water to the citizens of Groton and did not want to spearhead the cleaning up of the weeds in Baddacook as that is the charge of GPAC. The Board will be attending the GPAC meeting as guests on October 28, 2-015. Mr. Gmeiner reminded Mr. McCaffrey that they should limit their discussions regarding chemicals in Baddacook as that is

not a direction the Board wants to entertain and/or consider. Mr. McCaffrey was going to inform Mr. Luening.

**Bills:**

The bills presented to the Board were all signed and submitted for payment.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Mr. McCaffrey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas D. Orcutt  
Water Superintendent

James Gmeiner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

David Crocker \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

John McCaffrey \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_