

Groton Water Commission

Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

1st Floor Selectman's Meeting Room – Town Hall

Minutes

Present are BOWC Chairman Gary Hoglund, Vice Chairman David Crocker and member James Gmeiner, Water Superintendent Thomas Orcutt. The Water Superintendent will be taking the meeting minutes this morning.

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

Schoolhouse Road Land Donation: Attorney Bob Collins was present representing Bob Kiley for a land donation on Schoolhouse Road at the intersection of Lowell Road. The Land donation consists of two separate parcels totaling 14.09 +/- acres.

Boathouse Road Water Main Extension: Commissioner Gmeiner recused himself from the discussion and voting on the issue. The remaining two members discussed the proposed extension and submitted drawing consisting of a 6" water main and two six inch gates. There was a brief discussion on the location of a fire hydrant. The Water Superintendent stated that there was none proposed as it is planned for the next extension at the crest of the hill. The BOWC's recommended that the extension include a 2" flushing hydrant the Water Department's expense. Commissioner Crocker made a motion to extend a 6" water main on Boathouse Road for a distance of 200 L.F. to include appurtenances as noted on the plan plus a 2" flushing hydrant to be installed at the expense of the Water Department. Commissioner Hoglund seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0 with one abstention.

Temple Easement: The Water Superintendent updated the BOWC's that he is still waiting for Town Counsel to review the language proposed by the applicant for the easement. The Superintendent did show the Board the location/layout of the proposed easement. There was also a discussion by the Superintendent regarding the applicant's request to have connection fees waived. The Superintendent stated that he thought the request did not rise to the level of a waiver as it did not significantly improve the water system (i.e. the extension is required in order to obtain a building permit which requires potable water). There were no further discussions and the issues will be put on the next agenda.

Inter-municipal Agreement – Reedy Meadow Estates: The BOWC's reviewed the IMA for the Reedy Meadow Estates project. Town Counsels edits have been incorporated into the new draft document. Two of the BOWC's noticed that there was new language pertaining to sewer and sewer capacity. It was requested that the Water Superintendent follow-up on the new language and report back to the BOWC's at the next meeting.

Article #23 – Fall Town Meeting: The Water Superintendent brought to the BOWC's attention the proposed Zoning Amendment (Article #23) proposed by the Planning Board for the Fall Town Meeting. The zoning amendment will require the GWD to obtain a "Special Permit" from the Planning Board in order to install water mains and water services. The Water Superintendent has

requested an opinion of Town Counsel regarding the legality of the proposed zoning amendment and has not heard back on his request.

Baddacook Pond – Working Session began @8:20 p.m. - Discussion on moving forward

The Board began the discussion by paraphrasing the progress to date by the BOWC’s. The Board has broken Proposed Chemical applications into phases. Phase #1 would include the Board of Selectman’s endorsement or approval of the Chemical Treatments/Applications for Baddacook Pond. The indemnification of the Board of Water Commissioners as individuals, the indemnification of the GWD, the indemnification from future treatment costs related to the Chemical Treatment applications and Indemnification from the Loss of Revenue if the Baddacook Pond source is removed from service due to the chemical treatment applications. Phase #2 would include professional consultation with experts in limnology, hydrology, geology and health matters

Superintendent Report

Verbal only – topics included summer water consumption, building construction and fees collected to date DEP’s Sanitary Survey and the Fall Hydrant Flushing Program schedule.

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The Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of March 31st, 2014 on a motion by Gmeiner and seconded by Hoglund with no edits or corrections. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Crocker abstaining as he was not present.

The Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of February 25, 2014 on a motion by Gmeiner and seconded by Hoglund with no edits or corrections. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Crocker abstaining as he was not present.

Bills:

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

There was a brief discussion on the Fiscal Year 2014 year–end close out and the balance(s) and what we were are authorized to spend. The Superintendent will discuss with the Town Accountant and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Hoglund made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Mr. Crocker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Orcutt
Water Superintendent

Gary Hoglund _____ Date _____

David Crocker _____ Date _____

James Gmeiner _____ Date _____