

Groton Water Commission

Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Selectman's Meeting Room – Town Hall

**Minutes**

Present are BOWC Chairman Gary Hogle, Vice Chairman David Crocker, member James Gmeiner, Water Superintendent Thomas Orcutt and Business Manager April Iannacone.

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

**Schoolhouse Road Land Donation:**

Mr. Orcutt informed the Commissioners that Attorney Bob Collins was not going to be present this evening so this topic was not going to be discussed. Mr. Orcutt would put this topic on the agenda for their meeting in 2 weeks and Attorney Collins should be in attendance then.

**Temple Easement:**

Mr. Orcutt informed the BOWC's that there had been another change to the agreement that afternoon and was sent to Town Counsel for review. Therefore this topic would also be postponed for discussion at their meeting in 2 weeks.

**Inter-municipal Agreement – Reedy Meadow Estates:**

Mr. Orcutt informed the Commissioners that the language regarding the sewer and sewer capacity had been changed as requested. The IMA now reflects the sewer capacity being reserved from Pepperell's available capacity, and not Groton's capacity allocation. Mr. Hogle asked about the few properties that were in Groton that were already being serviced by Pepperell Water Department. Mr. Orcutt replied that the 3 current properties were also rolled into this agreement. Mr. Hogle and Mr. Gmeiner requested minor changes to the wording in section 13 on page 4, and section 14 paragraph 2 on page 5. The Commissioners decided to vote to approve the draft with the 2 amendments requested and would sign this evening.

Mr. Crocker made a motion to accept the Inter-municipal Agreement with the Pepperell Water Department for the Reedy Meadow Estates as modified on pages 4 and 5. Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Article #23 – Fall Town Meeting:**

Mr. Orcutt stated that he had not heard back on his request for an opinion of Town Counsel regarding the legality of the proposed zoning amendment (Article #23), proposed by the Planning Board for the Fall Town Meeting. However, Mr. Orcutt and Mr. Kevin Kelly from Groton Electric Light were working together to come up with an amendment to the article to address on Town Meeting floor. Mr. Gmeiner stated that he would like to go to the Planning Board's public hearing to voice his concern over the changes.

**Fiscal Year 2014 Close-Out Discussion**

Ms. Iannacone led a brief discussion on the Fiscal Year 2014 year-end close out with all balances and free cash reported, and the budget restriction that was cause for holding back the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter

FY 2014 Intergovernmental payment until FY 2015. Due to this extra payment being made in FY 2015, there will be a need to watch the FY 2015 budget a little closer after the second quarter in order to determine if additional money may need to be transferred from E&D on the Spring Town Meeting. Ms. Iannacone informed the Commissioners that she would have the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter FY 2015 financials at their next meeting to discuss the situation further.

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. Orcutt led a brief verbal report to inform the Commissioners of the Fall Hydrant Flushing Program schedule, and briefly the plan going forward for the Lost Lake Fire Protection. Mr. Hoglund asked Mr. Orcutt to look into how many hydrants had been painted last summer and this summer in order to determine how long it would take the summer help to complete them all before needing to start back at the beginning.

**Baddacook Pond – Working Session began @8:40 p.m. - Discussion on moving forward**

Mr. Hoglund informed the other Commissioners that he had come up with a formal action plan that consolidated all of the Commissions previous discussions. The letter with the action plan was to be sent to the Board of Selectmen (BOS), Conservation Commission, Great Ponds Advisory Committee (GPAC), and the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Mr. James Leuning was present at the meeting and formally requested permission to record the discussion. Mr. Hoglund approved the request to record. Mr. Gmeiner thanked Mr. Hoglund for putting together the letter/plan and asked Mr. Hoglund if he envisioned action items 4-7 being done by the GPAC or the Water Commissioners. Mr. Hoglund replied that he would likely see it as an interactive process of both the BOWC and GPAC. Mr. Orcutt informed the Commissioners that the GPAC would be before the BOS at their meeting the coming Monday night and that the BOS had requested the BOWC attend. Mr. Gmeiner stated that he believed at least one of the Commissioners attend the Selectmen’s meeting. Mr. Hoglund suggested that Mr. Orcutt post a meeting of the BOWC for Monday with the BOS just in case more than one of them was intendance. Mr. Orcutt asked the Commissioners if they wanted to vote on the letter to send out to all boards involved. The Commissioners all consented to the letter as written.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to adopt the letter and action plan as written and send out to all as addressed. Mr. Crocker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Minutes:**

There were no minutes approved at this meeting.

**Bills:**

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

Mr. Hoglund made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Mr. Crocker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Iannacone  
Business Manager  
Water and Sewer Departments

Gary Hoglund \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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