

Groton Water Commission

Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

1st Floor Selectman's Meeting Room – Town Hall

Approved Minutes

Present are BOWC Chairman Gary Hoglund, member James Gmeiner, Water Superintendent Thomas Orcutt and Business Manager April Iannacone. Vice Chair David Crocker was absent from this meeting.

Mr. Hoglund called the regular BOWC meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Schoolhouse Road Land Donation:

Mr. Hoglund stated that the last time the document was reviewed the Commissioners had a few minor changes that they had wanted to see before they were willing to sign and execute the agreement. Attorney Bob Collins was present and gave the Commissioners a revised draft with their additions/revisions highlighted for them to review this evening. After review of the revised document, the Commissioners and Attorney Collins determined that there were still some minor revisions that should be made to the agreement. Mr. Orcutt would obtain a copy of the Surrenden Farms Agreement which was similar in nature to this land donation and forward it to Mr. Collins. The Commissioners would again review a revised draft in order to vote, sign and execute this agreement at their next meeting on October 28th.

Temple Easement:

Mr. Orcutt informed the BOWC's that this easement agreement was not ready to be brought to the Commissioners for review. There have been differing opinions between the Town's Counsel and the Temple's attorney. Mr. Orcutt stated that the representatives for the Temple are concerned with any expansion beyond the easement done by the water department that may affect their use, and there is a different location that they would like to propose for the easement. Mr. Orcutt has asked Town Counsel to review the document and recommend what he feels will best protect the interests of the water department. He will continue to work with Town Counsel on this issue and update the Commissioners at their next meeting.

Fiscal Year 2015 – 1st Quarter Financial Review:

Ms. Iannacone led a brief discussion regarding the financial status of the department as of the end of the 1st quarter of this fiscal year. Ms. Iannacone and Mr. Orcutt informed the Commissioners of the projects that they were aware were in process and should be coming forth with payments in the near future.

Article #23 – Fall Town Meeting:

Mr. Hoglund asked if this article would still be going forward at Town Meeting. Mr. Orcutt informed the Commissioners that it would go forward in an amended version that would not apply to the public utilities. Mr. Gmeiner stated that if the article was presented with the amendments it wouldn't be as bad as the original version, but that he was against the change either way. He stated that he was willing to speak against the article either as an individual or as a representative

for the entire Board if everyone was against it. Mr. Hogle stated that he did not see a value in the process at all and would agree to Mr. Gmeiner speaking on behalf of the entire Commission.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to speak on behalf of the Commission against the proposed Article #23 at the Town Meeting, even as an amended version, as it was not of any value to the Water Department or Water extensions. Mr. Hogle seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

SWMI Grant Application – Phase #2

Mr. Orcutt informed the Commissioners that the grant application had been submitted and that things were a lot tighter in terms of competition and value awarded, but he would let them know when he had any further information. Mr. Gmeiner asked what the plan was for the usage of the next round of funding if approved. Mr. Orcutt replied that the funds would be used to develop plans with regard to the Unkety Brook and Shattuck Well Sites, as well as construction costs and mitigation plans.

Minutes:

Ms. Iannacone informed the Commissioners that she had noted a mistake on the September 9th meeting minutes that they were about to approve as they stated that they were written by her and not Mr. Orcutt, so that would need to be amended in their motion.

Mr. Hogle made a motion to approve the regular session meeting minutes of September 9th, 2014 as amended to reflect written by Mr. Orcutt. Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Bills:

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

Mr. Hogle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Iannacone
Business Manager
Water and Sewer Departments

Gary Hogle _____ Date _____

David Crocker _____ Date _____

James Gmeiner _____ Date _____