

Groton Water Commission

Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

2nd Floor Lunch Room – Town Hall

Minutes

Present are BOWC Vice Chair Gary Hoglund, Member David Crocker, Water Superintendent Thomas Orcutt and Business Manager April Iannacone. Chairman Gmeiner was not present for this meeting.

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

Abatement Request - #69 Champney St.:

Ms. Iannacone briefed the Commissioners on the abatement request for 69 Champney St. and they reviewed all documentation and account history. The Commissioners agreed that because the meter tested within tolerances for functioning, and the letter submitted by the homeowner stated that a toilet had been fixed for problems that the Commissioners stated were for an unknown period of time at an unknown flow rate, they did not believe an abatement was warranted.

Mr. Hoglund made a motion to deny the abatement for water use at 69 Champney St. due to the meter testing within tolerances and a leak in the toilet for an unknown period of time at an unknown flow rate. Mr. Crocker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Abatement Request – Monarch Path:

Mr. Orcutt informed the Commissioners that Mr. Ebrahim Masalehdan was present before the Board to discuss his abatement request for 54 Monarch Path. This abatement request had been pending since his December 1st billing so Mr. Orcutt was hoping for a resolution this evening. The Commissioners reviewed all documentation and Mr. Masalehdan explained his concerns with the situation.

Mr. Hoglund made a motion to abate \$801.59 to bring the bill amount down to \$151.91 owed. Mr. Crocker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Baddacook Pump Station – Wright Pierce:

Mr. Orcutt informed the Commissioners that the department had come across some difficulty with relation to the new well pump installation at Baddacook. Mr. Rick Davee was present to discuss the issue as well as discuss a possible resolution to the issue at hand. Mr. Davee explained that in order to have a proper depth of water around the pump when running at the standard water level the department is used to, the pump needs to be submersed further into the ground. The proposed resolution would be to dig a hole at the bottom of the well, insert a pipe approximately 12" in diameter into the dug hole allowing water to fill the pipe, but keeping sand out of the way in order to sink the pump further down into the well. Mr. Hoglund questioned some of the technical specs of the pump and requested Mr. Orcutt and Mr. Davee research the information before moving forward with this plan. Mr. Crocker asked Mr. Davee if he believed this was the most cost effective way to go with the installation and Mr. Davee replied that it was. The Commissioners concented that as long as the revision did not mess up any of the technical specs for the needs of the pump itself they were ok with the project to continue as revised. Mr. Orcutt and Mr. Davee agreed to meet at the Baddacook Well the following Tuesday or Wednesday to get all measurements needed and determine placement of the pipe and new dug out bottom.

Lowell Road Gift of Land:

Mr. Orcutt briefed the Commissioners on a proposed project on Lowell Road that would include an open space parcel to be donated to the department to protect the Zone II area around the well.

Lost Lake Sonar Treatment:

Mr. Orcutt briefed the Board on the progress of water quality testing at Lost Lake. Though the test results received to date show detection below tolerance levels, they have all had detection.

Financials:

Ms. Iannacone led a brief update on the financials as she saw them projected out the next few weeks to the close of the fiscal year. All indications showed that the department was tracking well and would have a positive cash flow back to E&D at year end.

Minutes:

There were no minutes to approve at this meeting.

Bills:

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

Mr. Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Iannacone
Business Manager
Water and Sewer Departments

James Gmeiner _____	Date _____
Gary Hoglund _____	Date _____
David Crocker _____	Date _____