

Groton Water Commission

Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners

Tuesday, November 05, 2013

2nd Floor Lunch Room – Town Hall

Minutes

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

Mr. Gmeiner called the regular BOWC meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Baddacook Pond

Mr. Gmeiner informed the other Commissioners that the Great Ponds Advisory Committee (GPAC) had submitted an application to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to try to get approval for funding to apply the Sonar herbicide treatment to Baddacook Pond. Mr. Orcutt stated that the GPAC would be at the Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting on November 18th to discuss the process and application. Mr. Orcutt requested that one of the Commissioners attend, or that the Commissioners consent on what message they would like him to relay to the GPAC and BOS at that meeting. The Commissioners consented that they would like Mr. Orcutt to inform the GPAC and BOS to be aware that the Board of Water Commissioners (BOWC) has concerns about the process, and that they expect the GPAC to come before the BOWC with all requested information and a formal plan. The Commissioners also discussed the possibility of doing a ratepayer survey to inform all public water supply users of the plan and request an opinion directly from the ratepayers. Ms. Iannacone stated that she would begin to draft something for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Hoglund made a motion to inform the Great Ponds Advisory Committee that the Board of Water Commissioners would formally discuss the proposed Sonar treatment at Baddacook Pond and would have a formal vote on their opinion/recommendation for Town Meeting whether or not the GPAC approached the BOWC with a formal plan.

FY2015 Operating Budget

Mr. Orcutt informed the Commissioners that the budget process had begun for FY2015 and would be due to the Town Manager by November 25th. Mr. Orcutt and Ms. Iannacone would be working on the draft budget over the next week or two and would get the Commissioners the information for review as soon as they could.

Superintendents Report

Mr. Orcutt led a brief discussion of the topics on his Superintendents Report to update them on the status of the office and well operations through the end of October. Mr. Orcutt informed the Commissioners of the status of the Forestry Management bids, as well as the new truck bid and Whitney Well cleaning bids that he was working on.

Financials

Ms. Iannacone gave a brief update on the financials through the end of October.

Minutes:

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013 as drafted. Mr. Crocker seconded and the motion carried with 2 in favor and 1 abstaining (Mr. Hoglund).

Bills:

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

Mr. Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Hoglund 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 _____