

Groton Water Commission
Regular Meeting
Of the
Board of Water Commissioners
Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018
2nd Floor Lunch Room

Minutes

Present are Vice Chairman Greg Fishbone, Member James Gmeiner, Superintendent Thomas Orcutt, and Business Manager Lauren Crory.

Mr. Fishbone called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Whitney Pond Well Construction Update – Superintendent

Mr. Orcutt said the electricians have been doing work at Whitney Well the last two weeks and the Scada panel will be installed next week and tested. There is a progress meeting on Thursday. Mr. Gmeiner asked when the transformer will be tested and Mr. Orcutt said once things are working smoothly with the old power. Mr. Fishbone said he could not attend the progress meeting but would like an email with any updates. Mr. Orcutt had not heard about the grant yet but assumes he will hear back soon.

Water Levels

Mr. Orcutt reported that there has been a water level increase according to the graphs, probably as a result of precipitation and/or snow melting.

Baddacook Pond Update

Chris and Françoise Forbes are still planning on hosting the Baddacook Pond resident meeting but they have not picked a date yet.

Duck Pond CPC Application – Letter of Support

Mr. Orcutt presented an email from the Water Department's Chairman, Mr. McCaffrey, regarding supporting treatment at Duck Pond. Mr. McCaffrey thinks we should support any effort to treat without chemicals. Mr. Orcutt prepared a memo to send to the CPC Committee stating that the water commissioners support the non-chemical approach to treating weeds at Duck Pond. Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to approve the memo, Mr. Fishbone seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Orcutt presented a draft of the Water Department's Annual Report. Mr. Fishbone asked if we should add any information regarding the Baddacook Pond Weed treatment or meters and Mr. Orcutt said he will add meter information.

Mr. Orcutt informed the commissioners that four interviews were conducted for the water technician position and one candidate was offered the position. The candidate turned down the offer and we will begin acquiring new candidates.

Mr. Orcutt will be attending the budget meeting on Saturday to answer any questions regarding the water and sewer budgets. He will be asking them to contribute to the cost of capital improvements being done in Pepperell.

Mr. Gmeiner asked if the temple has been adhering to our requests and Mr. Orcutt said he has not been down there yet.

The next meeting dates will be February 6th and February 13th.

Executive Session #3 Collective Bargaining

Mr. Orcutt said there is nothing new to discuss and they will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9th, 2018 as amended, Mr. Fishbone seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Invoices for Expense Warrant 16 were signed.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to adjourn at 8:06pm, Mr. Fishbone seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Crory
Business Manager