

Groton Water Commission
Regular Meeting
Of the
Board of Water Commissioners
Tuesday, April 3rd, 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

Mr. Orcutt reported that things were moving along at Whitney Well with a few minor bumps including certain parts that our technicians didn't approve of and a pipe which needed to be swapped out. Mr. Fishbone asked if the SCADA will be able to be adjusted and Mr. Orcutt confirmed that the speed can be adjusted. Mr. Fishbone asked about the status of the grant and Mr. Orcutt said still no word and we are pushing off invoices that the grant would cover.

Mr. Orcutt said there could be some dirty water during start up and testing at the Whitney Pond Wells. Mr. Fishbone and Mr. Gmeiner asked that a Dirty Water notice be published in the newspaper, website, Facebook, and Talk About Groton.

Water Levels

Mr. Orcutt reviewed the water levels and said that precipitation was down for March. There was a slight drop in water levels at Whitney Well II. Pumping has not increased yet but we will see an increase soon when irrigation systems are turned on.

Baddacook Pond

Mr. Orcutt said the Mr. Luening is working on bids and has also asked about any funds the Water Department will contribute. Mr. Orcutt would like to wait for Mr. McCaffrey to attend a meeting to discuss contributing any funds. Mr. Fishbone hopes that year 2 will be even more efficient and said we will have a conversation about contributing funds if there is a shortfall for hydro-raking.

Rocky Hill – Storage Tank Site

Mr. Orcutt said that solar energy company name Orgis Energy reached out to him regarding the Water Department's parcel of land north of Sandy Pond Road. They are interested in creating a lease agreement to use the land for a solar energy field. This property is reserved for the Water Department to build a storage tank which Mr. Orcutt estimated will be needed in 20-40 years, but said that we do have another site option at Gibbet Hill. Mr. Gmeiner asked the size of the land which is 6 acres. Mr. Fishbone

asked if we have any idea of the revenue that could be brought in and Mr. Orcutt said he does not know this yet. Mr. Fishbone said we should put it on the agenda for the end of the month to further discuss.

Consumer Confidence Report for 2017

Mr. Orcutt said there is nothing new to report for the Consumer Confidence Report.

Other Business

Mr. Orcutt and Mrs. Crory presented information on the current financials versus the current budget. It was determined that we will request a Spring Transfer of \$120,000 from the Enterprise Fund. The budget is short due to the hiring of a new technician and the meter replacement program. Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to approve the transfer of \$120,000 from the Enterprise Fund to General Expenses, Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to approve the minutes of March 13th, 2018, Mr. Fishbone seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Invoices for Expense Warrant 21 were signed.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to adjourn at 8:24pm, Mr. Fishbone seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Crory
Business Manager