

Groton Water Commission
Regular Meeting
Of the
Board of Water Commissioners
Tuesday, December 15th, 2020
Virtual Meeting using Zoom

Minutes

Present are Chairman Jack McCaffrey, Vice Chairman Greg Fishbone, Member James Gmeiner, Superintendent Thomas Orcutt – (taking Minutes)

The Water Commissioners opened the meeting promptly at 8:00 p.m.

At the request of the Water Superintendent, a moment of silence was observed for long time Groton Resident Bob Lacombe. Bob Lacombe was instrumental in extending town water to the Four Corners of Town. This opened up development for commercial properties such as Shaw's and the Rocky Hill Residential Development, a future tank site at Rocky Hill and to Forge Village Area town and Gilson Road.

Water Rates and Fees – Public Hearing

At 8:05 p.m., the Clerk for the Water Commission read the Public Hearing Notice aloud and into the record.

The Chairman gave as brief overview of the need for a water rate increase in order to meet budgetary obligations for the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget.

The water superintendent then gave an overview of the spreadsheets on Tiers and the scenarios prepared by the Business Manager.

The water commissioners reviewed various scenarios and 10% adjustment with the exception of Tier #1 domestic. Adjusting an administrative charge was also discussed but quickly dismissed. There was a question/concern of Tier 2 usage and it looks higher than it should be over and above Tier #1. The Commission would like the Water Superintendent and Office Assistant to look into this issue and report back.

There were no comments from the Public.

The Water Commission voted to continue the Public Hearing to Monday, December 21st, 2020 so that additional information can be deliberated. The office will try and contact the Business Manager for additional information.

Longley Road Update:

The Water Superintendent stated that he is working with Mike Ohl of CEI for a written response to the project at the Village of Shepley Hills. Once a response is provided, the Water Commission should invite the proponents to a meeting to discuss.

There was no other business or updates to report to the Water Commission and the meeting was ended at approximately 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas D. Orcutt

Water Superintendent