

Groton Water Commission

Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

1st Floor Selectman's Meeting Room – Town Hall

Approved Minutes

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

Mr. Hoglund called the regular BOWC meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Schoolhouse Road Land Donation:

Attorney Bob Collins was present to discuss the revised Deed agreements for the 2 land parcels on Schoolhouse Rd. being donated by Bob Kiley. Mr. Collins stated that the Commissioners had already voted to accept the 11 acre parcel, but that he had revised the wording on the Deed of the 2 acre parcel at the request of the Commissioners. Mr. Gmeiner stated that upon review of the 2 additions, he was still concerned that the addition in the bottom paragraph was slightly different than the addition on the top paragraph. Mr. Gmeiner stated that he would be in agreement with the Deed if the language from the top addition was changed to reflect the exact same way as in the bottom addition. Mr. Collins asked the Commissioners if they would agree to vote to accept the donation and deed agreement that evening and sign the acceptance page, then he could follow up with Mr. Orcutt and the Commissioners to send along a copy of the final revision on the first page as discussed this evening. The Commissioners all agreed to this option.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to approve the Deed for the land donation as amended, where the amendment is to replicate the wording addition from the bottom paragraph to appear the same in the addition in the top paragraph. Mr. Crocker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners signed the acceptance page for Mr. Collins and thanked him for his time.

Temple Easement - Fees:

Mr. Orcutt informed the BOWC's that he never got an official letter from the Temple representatives requesting the waiver of fees for the building project, however he would like the Commissioners to take an official position and vote on whether or not they would waive these fees. Mr. Orcutt stated that if the Temple were to extend the water main pipe beyond their buildings out to 119 for future expansion by the Water Department, then he might consider it an improvement to the system that might allow for consideration of the waiver of some fees. However, at this time he did not believe that the Commission should go to the extent of getting into public hearings and notices for the waiver of the fees for their first building and then see where things go with future buildings and possible improvements. Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Orcutt what the projected fees for the Temple buildings would be and what the criteria would be to consider a waiver of fees. Mr. Orcutt replied that the fee for the first building on the lot was \$40,000 and all total once the other buildings were under construction their total would likely be \$65,000 - \$75,000. Mr. Orcutt stated that in order to consider the waiving of any fees the applicant would

have to either prove financial hardship or make substantial improvements to the water distribution system.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion not to waive any fees for the Temple project for the construction of their first building. Mr. Crocker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal Year 2015 – 6 Month Financial Review:

Mr. Orcutt and Ms. Iannacone briefly discussed the financial status of the department as of the end of the 1st half of this fiscal year and reviewed the profit and loss statement. Mr. Orcutt informed the Commissioners of the projects that he was aware were in process and should be coming forth with payments in the near future. Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Orcutt if was preparing an article for the Spring Town Meeting Warrant for a transfer from the Enterprise Funds. Mr. Orcutt replied that he had already begun preparing the article, and at this time he was planning on transferring \$30,000 to cover the extra intergovernmental payment this year and \$25,000 for the lagoon project. Mr. Orcutt would submit the article with a proposed transfer of \$50,000 as a place holder and request the commissioners vote an amount at a later date closer to the Town Meeting. Mr. Orcutt stated that he and Ms. Iannacone would be updating the Commissioners on the financial status monthly to the end of the year.

Minutes:

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to approve the regular session meeting minutes of December 23rd, 2014 as drafted. Mr. Crocker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Bills:

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

Mr. Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Iannacone
Business Manager
Water and Sewer Departments

Gary Hogleund _____ Date _____

David Crocker _____ Date _____

James Gmeiner _____ Date _____