

DPW Commissioners Meeting

July 30, 2018

Meeting opened, motioned by Jason Federico and seconded by Ben Bastinelli, at 4:30 p.m. located at Town Hall DPW Office

Present: Paul Whitman, Ben Bastinelli, Jason Federico, Gene Fulmine, Scott Glauben, Mike Buckley and Kevin MacKinnon.

Payroll and Commitments signed. Motion made by Jason Federico seconded by Ben Bastinelli to approve and sign minutes from July 9, 2018 meeting.

G.F.

New Business:

Bid for water main replacement discussed. Celco Construction low bidder. Awarded it for labor only. Materials to be provided by the town. Motion made by Federico and seconded by Bastinelli.

Mike Buckley: Discussion on Article passed at town meeting for the Town Manager. From the language proposed it appears going forward the Board would be Water Commissioners as opposed to DPW Commissioners. Question on jurisdiction of Water Commissioners. Commissioners would be in charge of approving the water rates. In Accountants opinion they are in need of raising them to cover the Water Master Plan. They are currently covering the day to day operations but water projects have been put on hold due to lack of funds. Water main replacement in the tall pines area has not been able to be funded and the price of the job has gone up because of this. Board wanted to know about the money funded in the amount of \$ 850,000 by the MBTE for Water Drinking Protection. Accountant said the money is still on the books for such purpose. Board also questioned the accountant on the Solar Panels and whether it would be beneficial for Water to do the same in water owned open space. Accountant doesn't see a lot of money generated from it. Also Federico stated the Board would need to speak with Nick Zechello Jr as we are already bundled in with current energy services. Water division used 18% of overall town electric usage. Bastinelli stated that Swanberg property would be a place to have additional panels to offset the cost of electricity if new water source location. Federico said it would have to be part of the RFP in the building bid. Board also questioned the accountant on indirect costs charge to Water. Accountant gave the figure of \$ 330,000. Of that figure 90,00 are for pensions, 131, 000 for health insurance, 400 for Life insurance, 9,000 for medicare, 22,600 for workers comp, 48,000 to collectors office, 5,000 for Town Administrator, 2,500 for Town Council, 5000 for Accountant and 4000 for

town hall building costs, 6000 for building & Liability insurance 4000 for vehicle insurance and 2500 for utility. After reviewing these figures account again stated the rates should be increase. Rates should be increasing 2 ½% per year. Federico will provide spreadsheet of rate analysis for board to review.

Kevin MacKinnon: Results provided to Commissioners via email of testing's. Discussion on results and how to move forward. # 1 Location couldn't be permitted, would be best to move it over 100'. Discussion ensued on the viability of future pumping. Also discussed the possibility of acquiring Pennimen portion of property. MacKinnon to provide more information with acquisition of land swap where his property is squared off and acquisition of swap and additional arc of land needed near testing site # 1. (G.F.)

4 Articles for special town meeting: 1) Swanburg Property: Copies of breakdown forwarded to Commissioners by Fulmine. Would like a space on fall town meeting, will submit dollar amount and or land swap at town meeting. Warrant is supposed to open on the 6th and close on the 17th. 2) Create a capital fund so all the money is not going into stabilization fund. 3) Money (220,000) for the continuation of the water drilling exploration. 4) Station 4 – either 1.7 million for station upgrades or 400,000 for only generator upgrades.

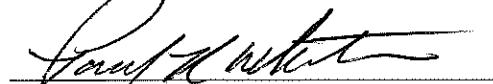
Unscheduled Business: Correspondence: Letter received from Bridgewater Savings on behalf of Dwyer Family Trust requesting some relief from large water bill. Loss of power during March storm caused a pipe to burst. Both owners were in Nursing home and are now deceased. Discussion ensued. Decision made to charge all the usage at the lowest tier.

Motion made by Federico and seconded by Bastinelli to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Campbell

DPW Assistant To



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