

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2018

At the Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. the following people were in attendance: Peter Corey, John Tholl, and Wendy Hersom arrived at 6:40p.m.

John Tholl made a motion to approve the January 8, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Peter Corey. All in favor, 2-0. Motion passed.

Fred Ingerson met with the Board to review Water Department issues. He reviewed the water line break on Lancaster Road on January 6th. Fred had Ethan and Aaron from Rexford's and the highway crew help him that morning. They thought there was another leak because there was water seeping out from the same spot, and that ended up being the transmitter line at the Bray Hill building was froze up again. It is a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch line that comes up through the floor and reduces down to a $\frac{5}{8}$ line, pretty small line that goes to the transmitter. The transmitter transmits the tank pressure and gives us the level. The alarm was giving low tank levels, and it actually was not. The signal was telling the pump to run because it thought the tank was empty. On Monday he wanted to get the leak fixed. The highway department was busy so he hired Aaron again and one of his guys and Josh Welch helped as well. Fred had FX Lyons come up on Saturday and Welch is probably cheaper if he needs to use someone. He did notify FX Lyons about the leak on Monday and the leak at the Spalding Inn. On Monday we dug the same spot back up again and we found where we reconnected the service line where we had a hard time connecting and it was leaking by the fitting. The pipe was misshaped enough, and it was almost like it was oversized. We had to cut a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ section and put in HDP piping in. We turned the line back on and watched it a while before covering it back up.

Fred had an accident in the water truck at the Colby Tank. He was trying to get up there to plow and he had a hard time getting up there. The truck slid off into the ditch and the highway department came and pulled him out. Fred said on the passenger side it put a dent in the rocker panel and dent on the door and the running board was bent a little bit. Fred is assuming it caught on the rock.

There was a leak at the Spalding last week. Ethan helped him look all night and in to the morning to find the leak. Josh offered to come and help them look for the leak. Fred said they tried to dig out the valves they could find and he tried to shut valves off on the main to isolate where the leak was. It didn't seem to be working to figure out where it was and Fred had asked Horizons about running both booster pumps at the same time. He didn't have a choice so he tried it because we were almost out of water and then there was enough pressure when we closed the valve, which enabled him to isolate the leak. He drove behind the Spalding Inn for the third time and saw water coming out of the building everywhere. The Selectmen asked if the leak was before or after the meter, and Fred said that the meter was taken out anyways. 200,000+ gallons went through there. They don't heat anything during the winter so they take the meter out so it doesn't get damaged and they drain everything inside the building. Wendy said that seems odd. Fred said that is what they have done there for years. Fred said that is the shut off that Fred talked to the Board about this summer that had been leaking for years. That is why

they have always done what they have done in that building. The water is turned off to the building but the valve is leaking. Their shut-off inside the building blew apart. It needs to be dug up and replace the gate valve, which means we have to shut down the Mountain View Road to make that repair. It is leaking the same amount as it was before Fred shut it off. Wendy said she saw water on Mountain View Road past the Spalding. Fred said he is surprised there is no heat in that building. He said they leave the power on. Peter said it is the same thing at Whitefield Hardware. Peter said he met with Dave Scalley last Fall and he was supposed to meet with Shawn and fix it and it never happened.

Fred had some price quotations from Underwater Solutions, Inc. and Statewide Aquastore for 13 magnesium anodes which we talked about as a result of the tank inspections. Statewide's price for the anodes is \$5,525 and the price from Underwater Solutions to install them is \$8,990. Peter Corey made a motion that we purchase the anodes from Statewide Aquastore for \$5,525 and to hire Underwater Solutions to install them for \$8,990. The purchase will come out of the Water Department operating budget. The motion was seconded by John Tholl. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passed.

Fred said when he came in this morning he noticed that the boosting station had pumped for a long period of time and he checked at the office. On the Robinson chart it was flat-lined and showed no movements. That was Saturday night around midnight that started and luckily the Robinson well was running and the booster station was running at that time and they continued to run. He is not sure how many gallons we lost at Bray Hill. It was overflowing. The Robinson well was still pumping up. Fred said Bill must not have noticed on Sunday and didn't reset anything. It did not send any alarms. If the booster station or Robinson well was not running this morning, we probably would have been out of water this morning. Peter said this water improvement project can't happen soon enough.

Wendy had an airport lease with David Hill, which he finally signed with the Commission last week and Wendy witnessed the signatures so she feels one of the other Selectmen should sign the lease on behalf of the town. Peter Corey made a motion that John Tholl sign the David Hill airport lease on behalf of the Town. The motion was seconded by Wendy Hersom. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passed.

John Tholl said John Ross, Jr. gave him a purchase order for the Board to sign for three sets of turnout gear. He said John told him that there will be a price increase in 5% so they wanted to purchase the gear before the price increased. The Board signed the purchase order with Bergeron Protective Clothing.

The Board worked on the budget. The Board also scheduled a Public Hearing for Monday, January 29th at 6:30 p.m. to review the proposed ordinances: Town of Whitefield Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance, Town of Whitefield Open Container Ordinance, and Town of Whitefield Parking Ordinance/Fees.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.