

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 28, 2016

At the Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. the following people were in attendance: Mark Lufkin, Peter Corey, and Wendy Hersom.

Fred Ingerson attended the meeting to review the proposed Water budget for 2017. Shawn White was in attendance as well. Fred said that Shawn helped him quite a bit with it. Shawn said he and Fred sat down today and ran the numbers. They included a full-time seasonal person to be shared with the public works department and included 23 weeks for the water department. Shawn said for the Water Labor it is for Welch's contract. Shawn figured in the health insurance for two family plans – one for Fred and half of another family plan for the shared worker.

Fred said they reduced the Water Equipment Hire and Water Outside Labor by \$2,000 because they will be using the public works department more than hiring it out as has been done in the past. Wendy asked about the highway billing the water department for their time. Shawn said if you look at it in the whole picture they use Fred to help in public works and it is kind of a wash. Shawn said when we talked about the lease on the excavator we were going to use some of the money from the water department. Wendy said where the water department is supposed to be self-sufficient then they should be paying for the services, especially the equipment. Peter asked what the auditor would say, and Judy said that she will check with her. Wendy said she would feel better if a % of the excavator lease could come out of the water budget. Wendy suggested adding a line item for Water Equipment Lease. It would be \$3,000. The Water Repair/Supplies line item has a large increase, from \$15,000 to \$35,000—a \$20,000 increase. Fred is trying to build up an inventory. He is working on organizing the supplies. There is money in here for a locator. It is a line locator for locating water lines. Water miscellaneous is an item they added \$4,500 to for a total of \$5,000. Shawn said it is for dues, software upgrades. Judy ran the total for the miscellaneous line item and it is mostly for engineering fees. The Board decided to put \$1,250 in for miscellaneous and create a line item for Water Consulting Services for \$5,000. There will be engineering fees for the water project next year, which we will get reimbursed for from the bond.

Fred said there was a leak up by the cemetery over the line in Dalton. Shawn said that system is decayed—it is bad, it is a two-inch line. There are five houses on the system, and the problem is it is old galvanized pipe. It is the homeowner's responsibility in equal ways for that water line. Shawn talked to Fred about it and he feels a letter should be sent to the homeowners who are on that line explaining you already had a break on their line and they should come up with a plan to have that water line replaced and if there is another big break their water would be turned off. Shawn said it was a line that Rexford installed and they pay the user fees and connection fees, but the line has gone beyond its useful life. Why don't we give them the option to discontinue the line. Judy said Shawn and Fred and Judy can draft up a letter to those homeowners for the Board to review. Fred said he has had some problems with the flatlining of the reading for the Dodge well and it happened at the Robinson well this past weekend. It flat-lined so it couldn't tell the water was low. Fred said it happens quite a bit. It is part of the dial-up system that isn't working. Fred said the Dodge one he would come back and have it set up so it would come back on automatically. Fred thought it would be \$2,000 to do this. He gave the information to the CIP committee. Fred still has the quote. Shawn said that could come out of repairs/supplies, which we have increased for next year. We need to follow-up on the revenues for the water department. Josh

said he would fix the phone line before we spent the \$2,000. Shawn said it should have been buried in conduit. It is a problem that needs to be addressed. Fred said he passed the treatment portion of his license. Now he will have to start on the distribution.

The water allocation policies that Dexter from Horizons sent over were discussed. The Board said they had not had a chance to look these over but will for next week.

Josh Welch attended the meeting to review the Sewer Treatment Plant budget. Wendy asked about the contingency fund. Josh said it is in case something does go wrong with the blower or with something else. Overall the proposed sewer budget is down from last year.

Josh asked about the generator grant, and Judy said that we were waiting for some photos to be submitted. The application is all put together. Judy will check with the auditor on the money in the generator maintenance line item as it will probably not be spent until next year.

A few changes were made to the minutes of the November 21, 2016 Selectmen Meeting Minutes:

Mark had a change for the minutes on Page 1, fourth line up it should read "That changed in 2011". Peter had a change for where it says effluent it should be influent—they are sampling and testing what is coming in to the treatment plant, not what is going out. Wendy said on the first page, half way down it should read as follows: "Wendy said she feels the only evidence of a voluntary merger are both lots are described in a single deed." The last paragraph it should read just by practice over "time". On the second page the third paragraph down it should read: "The Board said the owners will need" Also the date on the minutes should be November 21, 2016 not November 14, 2016.

Mark Lufkin made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2016, the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Shawn said the Town is going to help maintain and plow the airport runway. Shawn said as of now when the public works department is done with their priorities they will go out and get the runway plowed off. Shawn spoke with Fred and he is going to help out as long as he has no water emergency situations. The spare truck is going to be stationed at the airport garage SRE building. Shawn wants to make it clear to the Board he spoke with Fred on it and it will be mainly during his normal working hours. He is not going to come in special for it. If the DPW has a free moment, they will get out there. Wendy said the airport has two guys they can hire and work together to get the airport plowed. Mark asked Fred if he would come in on a weekend if there was a big storm and he said he would if we needed him to. Shawn said we are trying to get away from paying overtime for this. Shawn said it will probably take 4 to 5 vehicles about three hours to plow. It is difficult because you can't have salt, sand or chains on the runways.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.