

Sewer and Water Minutes

October 3, 2017

Present: Tom Schuler, Peter Socha, Mike Buffoni, Gary Johnson, Jennifer Carmichael. Absent: Don Schneyer and Tony Campetti

Tom asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September. Peter motioned to approve and Tom seconded, all were in favor.

Gary Johnson read a petition he brought in to deny the Averic Road closure, the document had over 100 signatures. Tom mentioned the commissioners voted on this issue earlier this year. His understanding is that they are acting in an advisory role to the Selectmen and the next step may be a public hearing by the Selectmen. Mike explained the Commissioners are waiting for Town Council to get an actual definition of "public interest" from Mass DOT; the words, "public interest" is in the law that Mass DOT wrote.

The new water tank has been on line for two weeks and seem to be working well. An 8" watermain by-pass has been put in at Desisto; this was done by Mike and his department. The old tanks are now empty they will need to cap off the water valve, then the tanks can be taken down.

Update on Church Street waterline replacement: 300 feet of pipe have been laid, Mike has been there every day, the utility density is large on the street. There is a lot of sand which cannot be dug using the excavator. They are digging down 7 feet; the sand is tricky to compact and continues to cave in. Mike spoke with Mike Kulig as to what can be done. The road could be from the 1940s, concrete was poured on top of the sand. There are 6-8 inches of concrete and layers of blacktop. A water line was hit but Mike was there and has been patched at the top of Church St.

Mike wants to get old tanks down now that the new tanks are being used. They hope to work through at least the middle of November but may not finish the Church Street water line.

Tom motioned to adjourn and Peter seconded. Next meeting November 7th

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Carmichael, Secretary