

Sewer and Water Minutes

February 7, 2017

Present: Don Schneyer, Peter Socha, Mike Buffoni, Tom Schuler, Nancy Socha, Jennifer Carmichael; Absent: Tony Campetti. Tom motioned to accept the minutes from January 3rd, Peter seconded and all were in favor.

Nancy explained the abatements for the three water bill; the raw data did not come off the bills consequently the bills were extremely high. The automatic reader reads by radio, a few had to be manually entered and the reader did not take off the last digit making the bills quite high. The software engineers are working on the water software in the collector's office to enable all the meters to be read automatically. Some of the meters will have to be moved to work with the reader. Nancy had a new water service at the Berkshire Botanical Gardens that the Commissioners needed to sign off on. Mike let the Commissioners know a new four (4) inch tap was put in for the new service.

The budget presentation to the finance Committee will be at 3 or 3:30 and should take 15 minutes, the Commissioners are all set with the budget. Mike will purchase two gates at \$5,000 per gate including installation a total of \$10,000.

Town Council is looking into when Averic Road became a Town road. Update on the Dam of which the Town owns about one third of the dam and acreage adjacent to the dam. Steve Shatz explained to Mike if the Town owned the dam; the Water Department will have to ask for money to take care of the dam. This would have to be addressed at the Town Meeting. The Water Department already has approximately \$300,000 set aside to fix the two dams. The Averic Road dam is not used any more, if the Town ends up owning the dam we could look into closing it but would need to look at the environmental issues. First a title search needs to be done in the procedure to take ownership of the dam. Mike found tire tracks going up to the "NO HIKERS" sign that was torn off the tree. He spoke to these people and explained why the signs are there; they said they would not do it again.

Church Street is planned to the spring. DEP emailed Mike and the Selectmen permission to award the contract. The contract will be finalized with Dealaher form Westfield. Mike Kulig checked into the company and feels it to be a good company.

A new road surface will be put down on Glendale Road. Water and Sewer lines run through the bridges that need to be repaired. BCDS bridge has been done, the bridge on Route 183 has 2 water mains and a sewer main, Curtisville Bridge has an eight inch water main and a sewer main, the other Route 183 bridge up by Jay Rhind's pond has a water and sewer main. The bridge/culvert at South Hill Road also will be taken care of.

Tony's walking boot is off and the Select Board has a letter from his doctor regarding his restrictions. Tom motioned to allow Tony to come back to work on a limited basis consistent with the restrictions from the doctor and Peter seconded, all were in favor.

The Commissioners asked if Sewer and Water could help with storage for any of the Town Highway equipment. The Town Garage will be coming down and the soil will be checked.

Peter motioned to adjourn and Tom seconded all were in favor.

Next meeting March 7th

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Carmichael