

MINUTES OF THE WHATELY WATER COMMISSIONER'S

The Whately Water Commissioners held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 10:00 AM, at 38 Chestnut Plain Road and Via Zoom. Georgeann Dufault, George Bucala, John Lukin, and Wayne Hutkoski were present.

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes from The October 18th meeting were reviewed
Georgeanne makes a motion to approve the minutes as written
George seconded Voted 3-0 Passed

New Business:

A: The chemical treatment and chlorination reports for October and November 2022 were reviewed.

B: FY 2023 budget and Retained earnings were discussed. Retained earnings are \$14,000, lower than any one likes. Rates need to increase to begin building back up.

C: Metering town buildings was discussed. The Commissioners decided on the following;

- 1: Herlihy Park- Will need a meter pit put in by the road at bottom of hill
- 2: Cemeteries – Charge a \$50.00 fee ounce a year for each of the three cemeteries
- 3: Elementary School – Already has a meter, if its ok leave it as is
- 4: Fire Station – Have a 4” meter installed before the backflow
- 5: Fire Hydrants – Come up with a reasonable fee for use of the hydrants
- 6: Police Station – Already has a meter
- 7: Highway Garage – Leave small meter inside and charge \$500.00 a year for outside Stand pipe
- 8: Town Offices – Already metered
- 9: Town Hall – Already metered
- 10: Library – Already metered
- 11: Center School – Already metered
- 12: Smikes House- Already metered

Georgeanne Makes a motion to Have the town install meters or be charged for certain water uses according to the list above

John Seconded Voted 3-0 Passed

D: The filling of the ice rink at the fire station was discussed.

George makes a motion to allow the Recreation Department the use of the Fire Hydrant at no charge to fill the skating rink.

Georgeanne seconded Voted 3-0 Passed

Old Business:

A: The Rules and Regulations were left to Discuss at a further date.

B: The Center Booster Station is up and running. No issues yet. The fire hydrants on Haydenville road and by the church have been installed. It was noticed that when the hydrants are opened and flow increases enough for the big pumps to come on, we have not yet been able to reach the thousand gallons per minute mark, as well as when the hydrant is shut down you have to go and manually reset the small pump alarm to have them come back on. Will have to talk with Armstrong to see if some settings can be changed.

C: Financing projects was discussed: It was decided to wait to get more information from the engineer before making any decisions. The Selectboard approved the use of ARPA funds to by the software needed to read meters

Superintendent Update:

1: With the help of the Highway Department the storage container was moved to the treatment plant.

2: We received the grant for the engineering and design phase of connecting the Egypt Road loop.

Items not Anticipated:

A: The town has put up the partitions to move offices. The Superintendent was asked to bring it up to the Commissioners to whether to keep the space in the town offices or move its office to the treatment plant and save the cost the town charges the water department to be there.

Georgeanne makes a motion to move its office down to the treatment plant

John seconded Voted 3-0 Passed

B: Commissioners decided they would like to meet with the Selectboard to discuss where the line is drawn between the town and the enterprise fund. Some issues between the town and the Water Department. They asked the Superintendent to put a letter together to send to the Selectboard and will review it at its next meeting. A few topics brought up are:

1: The Water Department should be considered for grant monies the town gets as the water department is still a town department, not its own entity.

2: The water department should charge for snowplowing the towns parking lots.

George Bucala moved to adjourn at 11:30 PM

Seconded and Voted 3-0 passed

Respectfully submitted

For Georgeann Dufault, Chairperson

Documents used:

November 2022 recap sheets
October/November 2022 treatment reports
Project List
Working Rules and Regulation document
Quote from Stiles CO for meter software

Georgeann Dufault_____

George Bucala_____

John Luken_____