



**TOWN OF CHARLTON**  
Minutes of October 7, 2019  
Water/Sewer Commission

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Present: Robert Lemansky, David Cantwell, Paul Gagner, Russ Jennings, Jenn Vaughan Peter Boria, Sue Guerin  
Absent:

**I. Call to Order**

**Mr. Lemansky called the meeting to order at 6:33pm**

**II. Commissioner's Public Forum**

**III. Consent Agenda/Warrant/Abatements Approvals as Needed**

**Mr. Jennings motioned to approve the minutes from September 23, 2019 as printed. Ms. Vaughan noted corrections to be made. Ms. Vaughan is not listed as being in attendance and Mr. Cantwell is listed in both present and absent. Ms. Vaughan seconded with changes noted. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Mr. Jennings motioned to approve the warrants in the amount of \$95,365.13. Seconded by Ms. Vaughan. Motion passes unanimously.**

**In regards to the invoice for the ANR plan for Gale Rd., Mr. Lemansky asked if Mr. Boria could email a copy of the plan to everyone.**

**IV. Scheduled Appointments**

**V. New Business**

**Sewer Treatment Plant - Proposal to test lines.**

Over the summer we noticed excessive propane usage after we were done with the heating season. Osterman sent out a technician to refill the tanks. After filling he sprayed down the exposed joints, and most had small leaks. He shut off the 2 main supply tanks and gave us a temporary tank of 150 gallons. Osterman's got busy and lost staffing and do not have time to send anyone back out. Zach Donahue (Veolia) and Mr. Boria made calls to try and find someone to come out and pressure test the system, identify the issue and come up with a solution. We only received one response, Keith Lapan, of Lapan Mechanical Contractors (copy of quote was part of agenda packet) estimating 3 days of work, to pressure test the entire system will be 4K. Because we do not know the cost of the repairs, a phase system was discussed. Phase 1, pressure test the entire system and identify where the leaks are. Put together a proposal for what will need to be done to fix leaks and go out to bid for that.

Mr. Lemansky will follow up with Mr. Boria tomorrow and contact Marlene Adamsky, the Manager of Osterman's. Mr. Lemansky feels that 4k is too much money.

**DEP Sewer Plant Site Visit.**

Two members of the DEP came by to do a site visit of the treatment plant. We received a letter reporting on the visit. David Boyer of MA DEP recommends that corrective action be taken on 3 items.

1. Inadequate secondary containment provided for sodium hydroxide storage.
2. Lack of secondary containment for ferric chloride storage tank outside of the building.
3. The chemical and storage handling areas do not include an emergency shower.

The 1<sup>st</sup> item has been pretty much resolved by Zach Donahue. He moved all the sodium hydroxide storage out of that area and put them in the chemical room. Now we just have to make sure we have enough secondary containment for where they were put in the chemical room.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> item - Those are currently double wall tanks. Zach is looking for the manufacturer spec sheet to see if the double wall tank is 125% of the design capacity of the internal tank for containment. Once we get that info it will be presented to the DEP.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> item - that has already been taken care of, Zach has fixed all the showers.

The DEP requests a letter from us addressing the deficiencies within 30 days of his letter. Mr. Boria will work with Zach on preparing a letter for Mr. Boyer.

#### **DEP meeting – Gould/Cemetery Rd Water Contamination**

Mr. Boria, Mr. Lemansky, Chris McClure, Gary Magnuson met with the representatives from the MA DEP and Exxon Mobil to discuss the groundwater contamination on Gould and Cemetery Rd. The main concern was to make sure that the DEP was not in the process of closing out the Release Tracking Number (RTN) for the 6 West Service Area. This RTN is what has required Exxon Mobil to perform the water sampling and provide bottled water in that area for the contaminated residents. In the discussion the DEP has confirmed that they are not closing the RTN at this time so Exxon Mobil will continue to provide that same level of sampling and continue to provide bottled water.

Extending the water line was mentioned, Exxon Mobil asked us to look into if the water line was feasible, to meet with the TOS, see if they will agree to it, and if residents would connect if the waterline was installed. Mr. Boria and Chris McClure met with the TOS about extending the water line. They stated that depending on the size of the line and how many people connect it is definitely feasible. Mr. Boria met with Mr. Philbrook (BOH Director) to see how many homes are affected. Mr. Philbrook suggested to start with drafting a letter from either the BOH or W/S letting the residents know that the waterline is being considered and, if they would connect. We would then know if there would be enough usage.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **Water Line Construction Update.**

**Berry Corner Rd.** – Berry Corner Rd. and H. Foote Rd have been reclaimed and a base layer of pavement has been installed. This past Friday representatives from Tighe and Bond, TOS, TOC (including Gerry Foskett), and Palmer paving were there to discuss the base layer that has pot holes in certain areas. They agreed to come out in the next day or so to complete some core samples and come up with a solution. Everyone was in agreement that something does need to happen. Mr. Boria will keep the commission informed of what the solution will be.

Ludlow has started making connections inside the homes, averaging 3 homes per day.

Mr. Boria thanked all the residents for their patience during all of this work.

Mr. Lemansky asked where the project costs stood. Mr. Boria believes that they are under budget.

Mr. Lemansky believes that if the project remains under budget that the TOC's bond should be replenished versus what Casella and the TOS are in for.

Mr. Lemansky wanted to say thank you to Gerry Foskett the DPW Director and his department for doing a great job on fixing the sewer cover on Masonic Home Rd, as well as the paving work they completed at the treatment plant.

**School Loop** – Albanese has a crew installing water main at the Overlook, and have pretty much all of the water main installed in the driveway up to the tank. Mr. Boria believes that they are going to pour the pad for the generator. There is another crew installing laterals on Old Worcester Rd and Hammerrock Road. A 3<sup>rd</sup> crew is installing the large culvert on Old Worcester Rd., which was pretty much completed today. Then will be move to the smaller culvert further down.  
 Mr. Lemansky stated that they are doing a great job; it is just taking a bit longer than expected.

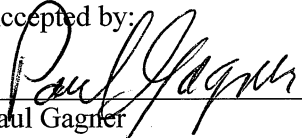
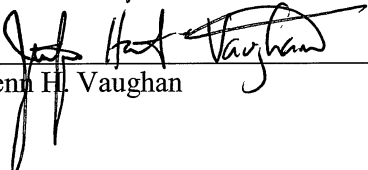
**Rte. 169 Pump Station** – The pump station has been operating well. All of the issues are resolved except for the generator. A new engine was installed in the generator today. A full bank load test for 4 hours will take place tomorrow.

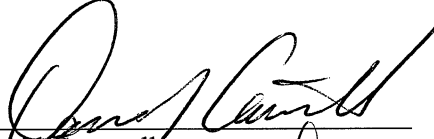
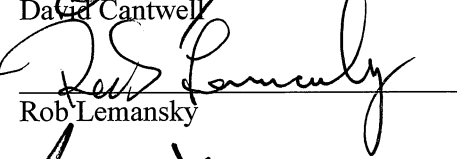
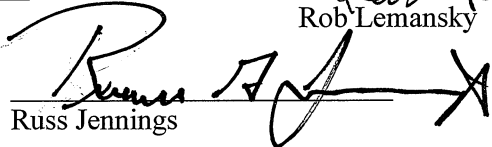
**Buffumville Public Water Supply** - The approved ANR plan has been recorded, a draft deed has been prepared. The next step is to hold a public hearing at one of our next meetings for the purchase of the property. This is to satisfy the DEP requirements because we are purchasing the property for a possible PWS. Mr. Boria will reach out to the DEP for the exact language for the public hearing.

**VII. Next Meeting - October 21, 2019**

**Mr. Jennings made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm Seconded by Mr. Gagner. Motion passes unanimously.**

Submitted by:  
 Sue Guerin  
 Administrative Assistant

Accepted by:  
  
 Paul Gagner  
  
 Jenn H. Vaughan

  
 David Cantwell  
  
 Rob Lemansky  
  
 Russ Jennings

Minutes were approved and signed on 10/21/19.