



TOWN OF CHARLTON
Minutes of April 8, 2019
Water/Sewer Commission

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Present: Paul Gagner, Russ Jennings, Jennifer Vaughan, Robert Lemansky (arrival at 6:50) Alex Mackenzie (arrival at 6:55pm) Peter Boria, Sue Guerin

I. Call to Order

Mr. Gagner called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

II. Commissioner's Public Forum

III. Consent Agenda/Warrant/Abatements Approvals as Needed

Mr. Jennings motioned to accept the minutes as printed from March 25, 2019 Seconded by Ms. Vaughan. Motion passes unanimously with Ms. Vaughan abstaining.

Mr. Jennings motioned to accept the warrants as printed in the amount of \$40,598.63 Seconded by Ms. Vaughan Motion passes unanimously.

IV. New Business

61A Right of First Refusal- Gunter Properties-Boucher Rd

Mr. Gunter is requesting to remove 5 buildable lots from chapter 61A (copy of identified lots were part of agenda packet, Lots 10,11,12,13,15) It is policy of the Board of Selectmen to send requests to all other boards to make sure that there is not a town wide need for the property.

In order to remove it, the BOS has to vote whether or not to exercise their option of first right of refusal.

Mr. Jennings Motions to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman that there isn't a reason to exercise our right of first refusal. Seconded by Ms. Vaughan. Motion passes unanimously.

V. Scheduled Appointments

6:40 Peter Newton – Buffumville PWS exploration

It has been almost 2 weeks with a drill rig up there, 8 borings were completed, 4 of which were completed as monitoring wells, and there is a better sense of where material is. The original drilling rig that was up there was able to retrieve 6" cores. The rig they are using now is a lot less expensive but not as powerful and able to retrieve 1" cores. (Map of boring locations was handed out)

2 sites look promising (VW3 and VW4)

Mr. Boria stated that the initial thought was to get 3 (VW 2, 3 and 4) wells to produce 40gal/minute each producing 160 -170k gpd

After reviewing the data, Mr. Newton drew up and handed out a geologic cross section drawing to the commission to help illustrate what they are dealing with in terms of where materials are. It seems to be consistent to what we have talked about a few months ago.

The pump is still in well 2 and later this week they will bring a generator out to run the pump and monitor the water levels to give us more info.

Mr. Boria asked Mr. Newton to come before the commission tonight to discuss what took place over the past 2 weeks. We have a meeting on May 4th before town meeting on May 20th to talk about the results and a recommendation to consider.

Mrs. Moore of Gale Road was present. She understands that we are still in the early stages, but was there to represent area residents and express her concern for the area wells being impacted.

Mr. Newton explained that should this prove fruitful, there are a number of levels of state and local permitting with one of the big questions to be addressed is what the effect on local wells is. This will be looked into when the time comes.

VI. Old Business

Water Privilege Fee-

At the last meeting a water privilege fee to be assessed on all new water connections was approved. Attached was a copy of a Water Privilege Policy, this will spell out everything and will be added to our policy book. It was brought to the commission tonight for review and approval. **Ms. Vaughan motioned to approve the Water Privilege Fee policy as written. Seconded by Mr. Jennings. Motion passes with Mr. Mackenzie against.**

Sewer Privilege Fee –

To be consistent Mr. Boria discussed the attached Sewer Privilege Fee policy. He stated that there isn't anything in writing / policy regarding the process of a Sewer Privilege fee. The policy is similar to water with the exceptions of; the EDU amount is different, for residential sewer connections there is reference to Phase 1 of sewer where a different betterment was paid and a different priv fee was charged to be consistent with that, and for commercial connections there is no 60% multiplier because that's not how it was done in the past.

Mr. Lemansky would like the Sewer Policy to mirror the Water Policy when it comes to commercial connections to make it equitable. Mr. Boria stated he feels that the change could bring previous connections to come back and challenge it. Mr. Jennings asked if we should ask legal counsel. Mr. Boria stated that there is no rush to approve it, and feels some connections that were done not too long ago could challenge it. Mr. Boria asked if the commission had a recommendation to which counsel to reach out to. Mr. Jennings suggested Cosgrove and Blatt and Mr. Lemansky asked for Mr. Boria to speak with Mr. Abrahams Sr. as well. **Approval for the Sewer privilege fee policy is on hold for now.**

Water Connection Application-

Attached was a copy of the Water Connection application to make it consistent to what was approved. **Ms. Vaughan motioned to accept the new Water Connection Application. Seconded by Mr. Jennings. Motion passes unanimously.**

ATM Articles

Water/Sewer Budgets

Copies of the budgets were attached for review and approval. Mr. Boria has not been able to make any headway on indirect costs which was a concern from the commission. He is hoping to sit with Donna in Finance soon.

Mr. Lemansky stated he had concerns with the 2nd administrator and if we should continue with that. Mr. Boria asked if there was a motion to change anything. In a past meeting Mr. Boria handed out a cost breakdown of our administrator vs outsourcing an engineer (part time) the cost was pretty much the same. Mr. Lemansky stated that there are already 2 consultants on the projects, how many more do we really need, and last year's numbers of inspections were not high quantities. Ms. Vaughan stated that he does more than just inspections. Mr. Lemansky thinks that this would be a cost savings for the dept. and suggests Mr. Wandland as a consultant. Mr. Boria stated having him in the office, with the projects going on it is beneficial to have him there. It helps free up Mr. Boria with DEP meetings, being in the field with Peter Newton, as well as construction project meetings. Mr. Mackenzie stated that over the next few years there is a potential of 300 connections. Mr. Lemansky stated that all these connections will be overseen by either Kleinfelder or Tighe and Bond. Mr. Jennings feels that maybe in a few years when things level off he may lean toward Mr. Lemansky, and believes it is very important to look at our costs, but at this point in time believes it is necessary to have the overlap.

Transfer of funds to purchase Gale Rd. property. (both parcels) - Attached was a copy of the warrant article language for review and approval. As we get closer we can fill in the final amount and discuss where you want to take that money from. Mr. Boria is going to ask for it to be funded from the Exxon Mobil settlement money. There is no need to vote on it at this time until the wording is finalized.

Transfer of Exxon Mobil Settlement Monies - attached was a copy of the warrant article for review and approval. To transfer and appropriate a sum from the Exxon Settlement Receipts Reserved for Appropriation General Fund Debt Payments Account to the Exxon Settlement Fund Balance Reserved for Water Capital Projects Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account. Mr. Boria stated that there is a warrant for money to come out of the general fund for the new safety complex and believes that warrant article comes before ours at the ATM.

Mr. Lemansky commented by saying that they are asking to take funds that were negotiated to come to the town for mitigation of the spill and we are going to give it to police and fire? The original statement was that it was to go to Water and Sewer with town meeting approval.

Mr. Boria is hoping to have finalized copies by our May 4th meeting.

There is a W/S meeting scheduled for May 20th, the same day at the ATM. As long as our budget is squared away, there is nothing important other than Veolia's MOR which could be rescheduled to the first meeting in June. We can make that decision as we closer.

Waterline Construction Update

Berry Corner Rd. – There is a construction update meeting tomorrow morning and is hoping to get a date on when the pressure testing of the main will begin. Ludlow has begun installing service laterals and cutting trees on H. Foote Rd last week. They installed a PRV vault at the base of Berry Corner Rd near Rte. 169. They will continue to install service laterals on H Foote Rd and should be done by the end of this week. There have been some issues with elementary school bussing lately. It comes through when there are a few trenches opened up. There will be discussion about this at the meeting tomorrow but are looking to have those service laterals done by the end of the week.

School Loop – Albanese Brothers have begun installing the water main on L Stevens and Old Worcester Rd. They are starting to have excess material and would like to truck it to the Highway Garage on Flint Rd, which Gerry says he has room for. Mr. Mackenzie asked if they were sampling and strongly suggests they do before dropping elsewhere. Mr. Boria is uncertain of what protocol they are using to sample. Albanese plans on pressure testing Masonic home road water main soon, and will be bringing on a 3rd crew to begin installing service laterals.

Bay Path and Overlook Pump Stations – Albanese Brothers have ordered the pump stations and anticipate delivery approximately September-October. They will have an additional crew beginning in about 2 months to start the site work required to have prepped and ready to receive the pump stations when they are delivered in the fall. They plan to have 4-5 crews working throughout the town this summer.

Rte. 169 Pump Station- The pump skid has arrived in Connecticut and is being installed in the building. Delivery to us is scheduled for approx. April 18th and will take 4-5 weeks to finalize installation from then.

A copy of the proposed work from Kleinfelder for L Stevens, Old Worcester Rd and Masonic Home for 4-8-19 through 4-19-19 was handed out to give us an update on where they anticipate working. After reviewing Mr. Lemansky expressed that once the water is up and running he has concern for "dead water" in a small area near Charlton Middle School during the summer months and asked Mr. Boria to follow up with Heather (TOS DPW)

VII. Other Business (unknown at time of posting)

VIII. Next Meeting - April 22, 2019

Mr. Jennings made the motion to adjourn at 7:50pm Seconded by Mr. Lemansky Motion passes unanimously.

Submitted by:
Sue Guerin
Administrative Assistant

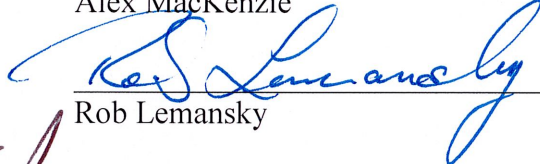
Accepted by:



Paul Gagner

Jenn H. Vaughan

Alex MacKenzie



Rob Lemansky



Russ Jennings

Minutes of the meeting April 8, 2019 were approved and signed on 4/22/19.