



TOWN OF CHARLTON
Minutes of August 5, 2019
Water/Sewer Commission

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

I. Call to Order

Mr. Lemansky called the meeting to order at 6:34pm

II. Commissioner's Public Forum

III. Consent Agenda/Warrant/Abatements Approvals as Needed

Mr. Jennings motioned to approve the minutes from July 22, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Gagner. Motion passes unanimously with Ms. Vaughan abstaining due to her absence at that meeting

Mr. Jennings motioned to approve the warrants in the amount of \$41,609.50 . Seconded by Mr. Gagner. Motion passes unanimously

IV. Scheduled Appointments

6:40pm Zach Donahue - Veolia

Mr. Boria started by informing the commission about the RACO alarm units that 6 of our pump stations use to communicate with the plant. The units are currently using a 3G network which is due to discontinue at the end of the year. Attached was a list of the pump stations that use the network, as well as a quote for the upgrade. The other 5 Stations have verbatim communication with the plant. If we were to change the 6 pump stations back to verbatim there would be a cost attached to that as well. The quote for 7 units (with having one as a spare) would be \$1,195 each, \$200.00 each for a new antenna bringing the total to \$9,765.00. Mr. Boria is not looking for a decision tonight but, this is a need that will have to be addressed. Mr. Donahue stated that Muggett Hill from time to time has difficulty with connection but the station has a booster antenna and the plant is notified when there is a connection loss. He also mentioned that the old verbatims may be in the plant but not sure of their condition.

Mr. Jennings would like to spend some time looking at alternatives.

Peristaltic Pumps

Mr. Donahue informed the commission of this specific style pump at the plant. Currently we have 4 in use without any spares. 2 are for the Comag and 2 are for the Caustic feed. Mr. Donahue proposes we get a spare pump, and place it where it is most used and take the one it replaced and put in on the shelf. If one of the pumps goes down (and we do not have a replacement) it could cause us compliance issues. Mr. Donahue received 2 quotes, one for the exact pump we use now, and the other is a municipal version. The municipal version provides more features, is more precise, they offer a loaner program, have a 5 year warranty and, the cost is less. They can be used in any of the 4 locations. Mr. Donahue recommends the municipal model. With the other plants Mr. Donahue has worked at, they have had these pumps. Mr. Boria stated that this will tie into the SCADA system and that lead time to repair a pump is 3-4 weeks.

Mr. Jennings motions to spend the \$4,200.00 on Model M324-MNH pump. Mr. Gagner and Ms. Vaughan both seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Donahue spoke to the commission in regards to the Vine St pump station. This station will require the same fix that the North Main St. received a few months ago when the level transducer system failed. Lafleur came and wired it and installed floats.

Today during inspection, it was discovered that the gauge for the level transducer continued to rise, and both pumps start to try and pump the levels down, but it wasn't the actual level and want to get them fixed so that the pumps wouldn't run for no reason and burnout.

Lafleur was in the office today, and Mr. Donahue had them take a look at it and floats were installed as a fix until they can come in and complete the same correction as they did for N. Main St. The cost of repair should be similar to what was spent on N. Main Street.

Mr. Boria stated because this not on the agenda that we cannot request funding.

Bill Pucci - Kid Power Gymnastics 221 Sturbridge Rd- Privilege fee.

Mr. Boria summarized that Mr. Pucci came before the commission at the end of last year and where his site plan was reviewed, he was made aware that there would be a water privilege fee but at the time there wasn't a policy in place. In April (2019) the WS water policy was adopted. Mr. Boria stated that when it comes to title 5 there is not a true gymnasium with no showers for calculation. Mr. Pucci is looking for relief by requesting the privilege fee be assessed for 1 EDU.

At this time Mr. Jennings recused himself as he did construction on the site, and Mr. Lemansky recused himself as Kid Power was a previous tenant of Mr. Lemansky.

Mr. Gagner asked what the reason was for requesting the 1 EDU

Mr. Pucci feels that the title 5 usage numbers are too high.

At their previous location Mr. Pucci kept usage logs which calculated to be 1 gallon per person per day, and feels the usage based on the title 5 calculations are high.

With a meter there will be able to see actual usage. He is willing to continue to keep usage logs and a pay should there be an overage/difference.

Mr. Lemansky stated when Kid Power originally began their search for their facility, there was a meeting with the BOH, and for what they did is not described in the table of title 5. There is a paragraph at the bottom (of the Title 5 Table) if not listed to find examples in the area that are similar and the BOH allowed them to track their usage.

Mr. Boria feels we are setting precedence for new connections or for customers who have paid in the past. Mr. Lemansky's concern was what if the building changes hands.

The W/S office can keep track of the usage numbers as they are handed in through the TOS, and document in their file.

Mr. Cantwell motions for a privilege fee of 1EDU in the amount of \$2,447.16, revisit and check the water calculations for 6 months to make sure they are at under 200 gal/day. Seconded by Ms. Vaughan. Motion passes with both Mr. Lemansky and Mr. Jennings abstaining.

V. New Business

Dave Peters - Deed Release Old Worcester Rd.

Mr. Peters owns property on Old Worcester Rd with an easement for the pump station. Attached was a copy of both plans that were recorded. The plan highlighted in pink is incorrect and currently shows on the assessor's field card. The Assessor's office is aware and will make the correction to reflect the correct easement. The plan was recorded but not the order of taking. The area highlighted in yellow recorded and correct. The release deed and the order of taking have been recorded.

Mr. Boria has been working with Katharine Klein from KP law on how to resolve. Ms. Klein came up with the release deed that is part of the packet. She recommended the commission sign the attached release deed.

Mr. Jennings motioned to sign the release deed. Seconded by Mr. Cantwell. Motion passes unanimously. Mr. Boria will leave a copy of the deed for them to sign with Mary Devlin as it has to be notarized.

VI. Old Business
Water Line Construction Update.

Berry Corner Rd. – Ludlow is continuing to make residential connections on Berry Corner Rd. They will be able to finalize the connections once Rte. 20 pump station is activated. Mr. Boria handed out an email of the number water installations to houses as of the end of the day on August 1st which is 57 of 88. They are continuing to work on the remaining at this time. Paving is proposed to begin after Labor Day.

School Loop – Albanese Brothers continue to install the water main on Muggett Hill. Last week they spent extra time because of the Pan Mass Challenge. Currently there are 2 crews on Muggett Hill with the possibility of having all of the main installed this week. A 3rd crew is working on the school driveway and aware of the upcoming special election. Tomorrow there is a construction meeting and will discuss scheduling, the culverts on Old Worcester Rd.

Rte. 169 Pump Station – Has had setbacks they are looking at August 26-28 for a startup date. At the formal start up DEP, McClure, Kleinfelder, RH White, Whitewater and the TOC will be there. Mr. Boria will find out more information at the meeting tomorrow.

Buffumville Public Water Supply - DC engineering has been surveying the property and should have our ANR ready for the planning boards meetings on August 21st. After that is completed and a deed is drafted we have a few requirements for the DEP before we can close on the property. Mr. Boria is still working with BETA for a scope of services for the FY 20 water grant. Once received and the commission has approved it will be submitted to the DEP.

Mr. Lemansky brought up his concern of loose manhole covers. They need to be addressed. He asked that if any are noticed to report it to the WS office. Mr. Lemansky suggested that Mr. Jennings talk over a solution with Mr. Boria, Veolia and the Highway Dept.

Mr. Cantwell brought up the when he first started on the commission there was discussion of the repair of the pump station located at Stevens Park Rd. Mr. Boria spoke about the grant that was applied for but did not receive, and look to see if we can re-apply. Mr. Lemansky asked if we received any quotes on repairs. Mr. Boria stated that we would need to create a scope of work before we can get a bid. Mr. Jennings asked the he and Mr. Boria take a look at it.

VII. Next Meeting - September 9, 2019

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

Submitted by:
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Administrative Assistant

Accepted by:

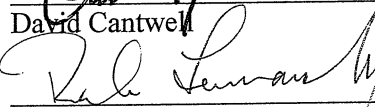


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Minutes were approved and signed on 9/9/19.