

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
APRIL 9, 2012
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Niles Busler and Fran McNamara.

GUESTS PRESENT: Supt. Paul Rafuse, Michael MacEachern, James Blanchard, Ron Dionne and Brenda Boudreau-clerk

Niles opened the meeting at 5:38 p.m. The meeting is audio recorded.

DECISION: The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of March 12, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Paul discussed the results of the employee appeals meeting with the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator. Paul stated that the Selectmen heard all of our arguments and we were told that all of information would be reviewed and a determination would be made at a later date.
2. Paul reviewed another draft of the Water District informational handout. Niles wants the water takers to know that by becoming a district it may lower their rates. Bonding rates would be better for us and the town and insurance rates would be much lower as well.
3. Paul reported on a start date for the Tank Mixing System Project. The project start date has been moved to the middle of May due to the ordering of the tide flex valves. Paul wants to go with the PVC and it should be cheaper as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Paul presented to the Board his candidate selection for Billing Clerk. Paul stated that after interviewing four possible candidates he felt the most qualified was Carolyn Smart. **Niles wanted the record to show that he has a conflict because she is his niece and we are at two member board currently. Niles wants to make it clear that whether or not she is a successful candidate she is a relative of his and if the Superintendent was the one to interview everyone and chose her as the most qualified candidate then he will follow with his recommendation.** After a lengthy discussion Paul stated that he had made it clear to all candidates that it was a temporary two year position. And it had been discussed with Carolyn that her benefits would be reduced do to the reduction of hours and salary.
DECISION: Fran made a motion to offer Carolyn Smart the Billing Clerk's position for the Water department to be passed to the selectmen for their approval.
2. Brenda presented for review the Accounts receivable and Appropriation Balance report for March 2012.

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3. Brenda presented the Board with the 2nd shut off list.
4. Jim Blanchard inquired about the possibility of advertising a voluntary water ban in town.
5. Niles presented the article drafts for the upcoming town meeting and has noticed that the ballot article we wanted was not listed. The Board requested that Paul call the Town Administrator and ask why it was not listed.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 14, 2012
The next scheduled warrant signing meeting is Monday, May 28, 2012.

Niles adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Boudreau-clerk