

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2010
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Caten and Niles Busler. Fran McNamara was absent.

GUESTS PRESENT: Anne Olonnet, Reporter, James Blanchard, Supt Paul Rafuse and Brenda Boudreau-clerk.

Jack opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of July 12, 2010.

The Board reviewed the payroll warrants totaling \$16,143.74.

The Board reviewed and signed the warrants totaling \$9,901.09.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Brenda reported on a call received from Town Account, Kim Fales. Kim explained that \$106,000 of surplus money was not earmarked into special accounts last year and is sitting in the general fund until it is recertified by the state again this fall. Kim also informed us that we may have to decrease our water rates due to the surplus and the Acts of 1920. Brenda also reported that she had confirmed with Doug Gardner that the surplus money was not considered when he gave us the results of his rate study.
2. Brenda reported to the Board that Laura Shreffin had canceled her appointment tonight at 7:00 p.m. Laura had also asked if it could be rescheduled at the warrant signing meeting on August 23, 2010. The Board wants to keep the August 23rd meeting as a warrant signing meeting only. They want me to try and schedule Laura at 5:30 p.m. on Sept 13, 2010 or she can come to the October meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Paul reported to the Board that Harbor Auto Body evaluated the condition of the utility body on W-2 and found it to be in too much disrepair to salvage. Paul took pictures and sent them with an e-mail to Peter Doreing stating that they should foot the bill to replace/repair the utility body because it had only been a four years that we have owned the truck and it should not have rusted so quickly. Paul has not heard a response from them to date. Jack suggested sending another e-mail and cc it to town counsel.
2. Paul presented to the Board a proposal for the water use restriction by-law. The state now requires us to have a Plan in place. Paul proposes that we stagger the odd and even house numbers with certain times and days of the week. This plan must be reviewed by town counsel and adopted into the zoning by-laws.

3. Paul reviewed with the Board the additional material to complete the retrofit on the discharge line at Witches Brook station 2. It will need to be rebuilt and Paul stated that we had exhausted the contingency money he suggested using the Public works account. The cost of the meter is approximately \$2,600.00 with the installation the final cost will exceed \$5,000.00. At the fall meeting we can submit an article to replace the money from the capital projects account. Niles wants Paul to ask Jim Dee how much energy he thinks would we be saving by switching the pump to a multi-phase.

DECISION: The Board voted unanimously to purchase a second mag meter for station 1 in the hopes of rebuilding that one. Not to exceed \$6,000.00.

DECISION: The Board voted unanimously not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the check valve replacement/repair and all other works associated with pump station 2.

4. Paul asked that the National Rural Water financing be tabled until he can gather more information. **It was tabled.**
5. Niles has begun to research companies that will collect waste medicine rather than flushing them into the groundwater. He will update the information when it becomes available.
6. Brenda presented the Board with the May and June FY10 intermunicipal agreements.
7. Brenda presented the Board with the account receivable report.
8. Brenda presented the Board with the appropriation balance report.
9. Paul did request that the reporter keep the information confidential until we heard back from town counsel.
10. Paul suggested that we include monthly surplus in the intermunicipal agreement report.

The next scheduled warrant signing meetings will be Monday, August 23, 2010 and September 27, 2010.

The next scheduled formal Board meeting will be Monday September 13, 2010.

Jack adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Boudreau-clerk

