



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Water & Sewer  
Commissioners

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### Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners

Minutes of November 12, 2015

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on November 12, 2015, in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burke, Commissioner Morin and Commissioner Burns.

#### Consent Items

Minutes of the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting - Commissioner Morin made a motion to approve the minutes of September 10<sup>th</sup> seconded by Commissioner Burns and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

#### Appointments - None

#### New Business

- A. Warrant Articles – regarding warrant article 7, Tim would like the option of taking \$387,500 from water retained earnings to be used towards a new larger storage tank. The certified retained earnings for the water department was \$472,770. Commissioner Burns made a motion to accept amended warrant article 7 regarding the new storage tank, seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.  
Regarding Article 8, the certified retained earnings are \$308,041 and Tim would like \$100,000 for sewer relining. Commissioner Morin made a motion to accept \$100,000 of the retained earnings to use towards relining, seconded by Commissioner Burns and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.
- B. Request for Service 10 Ballou – a letter was sent to the Mendon Board of Water Commissioners informing them that we are approving the connection to 10 Ballou Road. This was done due to a health issue, radon being found in the water.
- C. Request for Service 49 Milford Street – a lot on Route 16 near the drive in and one of the approved lots. This location is also requesting fire suppression. The Board was informed that all these lots have contaminated wells. Chairperson Burke made a motion to approve the connection for 49 Milford Street, seconded by Commissioner Burns and made unanimous by Commissioner Morin.
- D. Mendon Water Bills – Mendon Commissioners stated they used more water than expected, so do not have the money in their budget to pay the June water bill. They will be going to town meeting to seek approval to get this bill approved to pay Hopedale.

#### Old Business

- A. Weston & Sampson Contract – Commissioner Burke signed 4 copies of the contract regarding engineering costs for the WWTP upgrades.
- B. Solar Contract – this item will be passed over until the December meeting.

- C. Police Union Grievance – this issue is still ongoing. Final hearing was scheduled for today in Boston but was postponed.

### **Correspondence**

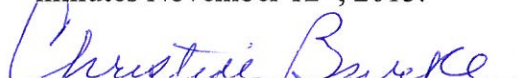
- A. Highway Department (Mill Street trench repairs) – repairs are needed due to work done by the Water Department. The Highway Department is aware that we are working on and will be repaired before winter.
- B. Milford Sewer Commission (212 South Main St.) – Mr. Wassarman from 212 South Main requested sewer connection from Milford Sewer which was approved. Commissioner Morin made a motion to approve connection to 212 South Main Street, seconded by Commissioner Burns and made unanimous from Commissioner Burke.

**Managers Update** – Tim informed the Board that Bryan Arthur gave his 2 weeks' notice. His last day will be November 20<sup>th</sup>. John Schreiber and Dave Butler will now be on call every other weekend. The position has been posted in house as per union contract. Tim stated that he will promote Dave Butler to Bryan's position. The Wastewater Department will be looking to hire a new operator. Tim was hoping to hire a second employee but will be split ½ water and ½ sewer.

**Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours – none**

Chairperson Burke made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:37 to discuss collective bargaining and to not reconvene, seconded by Commissioner Burns and made unanimous by Commissioner Morin.

I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

  
Christine Burke – Chairperson

  
James Morin

  
Roberts Burns