



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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### Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of July 11, 2019

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on July 11, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Draper Room of Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burke and Commissioner Burt and Commissioner Morin.

#### Consent Items

Minutes of the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting – Commissioner Burt made a motion to approve the minutes of April 11<sup>th</sup> and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

#### Appointments

- A. Mendon Water Commission – Mendon Commissioners Matt O'Brien, Kevin Rudden and Allan Kent came before the Board to discuss possible tie ins. Harry Ohannesian has filed a request with the Town of Mendon to build a 40B on Hartford Ave. He stated he would use wells for the back lots and wants to tie in to town water for the 2 triplexes. The 2 available tie ins are to be used as single units. The 2 triplexes would be considered 6 units so is not possible. The Mendon commissioners then brought up 16 Cape Rd., the connection was already approved, it is for a garage that will only have a bathroom. The Mendon Building Inspector now wants the garage to have a fire sprinkler. Chairperson Burke stated if Tim is fine with it then they would just have to pay the tie in fee. They also asked about fireline tie ins for 49 Milford St.

Mendon stated they are trying to follow their contract and are continuing to charge a \$12.50 surcharge, trying to save money so when mains need to be replaced they will have some saved. Chairperson Burke asked if Mendon was still expanding in which they responded it is residentially. Commissioner Burt asked about contracts in which Chairperson Burke informed him that there were 3.

#### New Business

- A. Ch. 40., sec 39J discussion – decided to pass until next month when Tim would be there to discuss.
- B. EPA Risk & Resilience Assessments – this will be another report that will need to be filed. We will start in house then have engineers review.
- C. Job Posting/On Call Rotation – the Board was informed that Chuck (Louis) Brown transferred from Water to the Highway Department. Our 2 water employees are currently

working 12 days on with 2 days off. A new employee was hired and will start at the end of July.

- D. Emergency Retained Earnings – there was an issue on Dutcher Street regarding an old 3” line where an outside contractor had to be called in. We did receive Finance Committee’s approval to transfer these funds from retained earnings.

#### **Old Business**

- A. Water Research – some test wells have been installed behind the sewer plant. We have been working with the Conservation Committee on this. Tim stated they have been very good to work with. Chairperson Burke stated she hoped they could attend the meeting at the school in reference to the Railroad and the eminent domain for the approximately 140 acres scheduled for Wednesday at 7PM at the High School. Commissioner Burke stated she is not sure how this will affect us at this point. Commissioner Morin feels we have to make sure we mitigate any contamination. If there is contamination in Zone II, this could be our only source. Commissioner Burke stated we still have had no response from EPA, Surface Transportation or DEP regarding the letter we previously sent.
- B. Peer Review – we still have heard nothing. Chairperson Burke feels we should look into working with another engineering firm.
- C. Wells– were having issue with the Mill Street well field so all the wells were cleaned and are now running better than they have in a long time.
- D. WWTP update - we have reduced the price for the last invoice to Methuen Construction for operational damages.

**Manager’s Report** – nothing additional to discuss

#### **Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours**

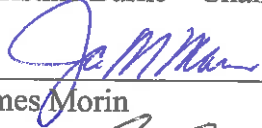
Chairperson Burke made a motion to elect Commissioner Ed Burt as the new Chair seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Commissioner Burt.


Chairperson Burt stated that the Finance Department is sending out letters to residents and would we like to add a letter to residents with our information regarding the 2½% override in which the Board agreed.

Commissioner Morin made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 P.M. seconded by Chairperson Burt and made unanimous by Commissioner Burke.

I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes of July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

  
Christine Burke – Chairperson

  
James Morin

  
Ed Burt