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**Board of Water & Sewer
Commissioners**

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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of September 12, 2019

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on September 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Draper Room of Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burt, Commissioner Burke and Commissioner Morin.

Consent Items

Minutes of the August 8th meeting – Chairperson Burt asked that the minutes be amended to state that Representative Murray spoke with Senator Kennedy's office. Minutes will be amended and brought for approval at the next meeting.

Appointments - None

New Business

- A. Discuss Petition to Intervene (Railroad land taking) – the petition has been filed and a hard copy of the petition has been received but have not heard anything back yet. Chairperson Burt stated there was nothing more for us to do other than wait.
- B. RR Fly Ash Letter – A letter was sent to Grafton Upton Railroad by Steve Sette, Town Administrator. Some of the items requested were a processing report of activities, a schedule of future deliveries, inclement weather procedures, if air quality samples are taken among other requests. Tim stated he still hasn't had any luck reaching DEP. Chairperson Burt asked that this letter be posted to our webpage.
- C. Trace Frack Study – the proposal has been signed. The aerial photos have been completed and Tim will have something to review by Tuesday. They did state that it looks like there are many viable sites.
- D. Change Order #2 Dispute – this change order has to do with ledge and rock removal. The parties agree on the quantity, but the payment amount is being disputed. If this is not resolved between Weston & Sampson and Methuen Construction the contractors can request payment directly from the Town. Tim stated we are talking about tens of thousands of dollars that are in dispute.
- E. Sewer Department Land – Tim has been notified by town residents that trees on sewer department land are falling on their property. It is felt that the left side of the river is not

feasible for water. Tim stated we would not use this land. We could possibly break up the land and sell it. Possibly even rezone as an over 55, not a large water and sewer demand, no issues with the schools. Town Administrator, Steve Sette stated the town would help with the cost of surveying the land. Money from the sale of the land would go to the town of Hopedale. The Board all feels selling this land is a good idea. Could we possibly get some projects done by giving up the land.

Old Business

- A. DEP Inspection Report – Overall the Sanitary Survey inspection went well. There were no table A violations and only a few B violations. Tim informed the Board that by the time the DEP Inspector made it back to her office most of the violations would be corrected. Tim wanted to inform the Board that David Butler did a fabulous job with this inspection. We will still need to get a picture of the lock on top of the water tank. We have until April to get this done.
- B. WWTP Update – first of the clarifiers went into use today. The second clarifier is being cleaned now. Things are moving along nicely just not as quickly as we expected.
- C. Well Cleaning – bedrock well #3 was cleaned and are currently getting approximately 32 gallons per minute. Bedrock well #2 was previously cleaned and was getting approximately 60 gpm. This well only worked until July then went dry and it was recommended that we do not fix.
- D. Mendon Fire Lines – we charge Hopedale businesses \$5,000 for a 6” tie in as well as a quarterly fire line bill of \$150. The Board feels Mendon should follow the same rules and regulations. Tim asked if this would have to be an amendment to the contract. Commissioner Burke would have to review but does not feel we need to make an amendment.

Manager's Report – Tim informed the Board that the budget numbers that were approved at Town Meeting were off for the Sewer Department. Tim had emailed Steve Sette amended budget numbers but somehow the original numbers made it back on the warrant. Steve Sette stated he will speak with Julie, Town Accountant to see about getting the additional money needed to cover the short fall put on the fall meeting. Tim informed the Board that he is still working on the bus project but had met with Karen Crevase, school superintendent, and highway to discuss paving and plowing. Currently getting quotes on lights. Received retained earning numbers from the Town Accountant.

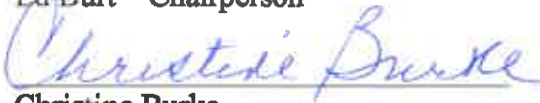
Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours

Commissioner Burke made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 P.M. seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Commissioner Burt.

I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes of September 12th, 2019.



Ed Burt – Chairperson



Christine Burke



James Morin