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**Board of Water & Sewer
Commissioners**

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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of October 10, 2019

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on October 10, 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 September 12th meeting – Commissioner Burke made a motion to approve the minutes of September 12th, seconded by Chairperson Burt and made unanimous by Commissioner Morin.

Appointments - None

New Business

- A. Amendment to Hopedale/Mendon water supply contract – Commissioner Burke stated there is 1 typo that she would correct and email back to us. She also asked that it get titled 1st Amendment.

Mendon firelines were discussed again. It was mentioned that DC Bates is looking to purchase 2 lots down near Whittin Road, Mendon which is not on our parcel list. The owner of DC Bates would like the firelines approved but would use well water for domestic use. Tim stated he has no concerns regarding this. There are plenty of hydrants in case of fire. There would be a quarterly fireline fee billed out. The question was asked if this would be a contract amendment since it is not mentioned in the current contract. Commissioner Burke stated since we need to be consistent with our rules and regs should we wait until they rezone the area to a commercial zone. If it becomes rezoned to commercial would we allow firelines. Commissioner Burke stated once its rezoned to commercial we would reconsider.

- B. Wastewater flow metering report – DEP required a flow metering test be done to determine I & I. We had meters installed in certain drains to determine flow. The report showed that Area E, Adin Street to Freedom Street, had the highest impact. Jones Road area had the second highest impact. We do not have the kind of money to do everything that is needed. Tim would like to do a lot of the work in house and feels it will cost approximately \$100,000. He would like to speak with Mr. Shwachman regarding the Draper Mill area.

- C. Trace Frack Study Report – the report showed some good options for water sources. They were looking at areas showing linear cracks, higher the cracks that intersect are viable water sources. Tim stated we haven't seen this many linear cracks in one area so that is a good sign. The report was filed with DPU.
- D. Warrant Articles – the sewer department FY20 budget numbers need to be corrected. A corrected budget was sent back in May but never made it to the warrant presented at the town meeting. We currently have a \$90,000 short fall in expenses and a \$31,869 short fall in salaries. We will also need to do a water transfer from Retained Earnings for legal fees. We can only do the transfer through a town meeting.

Old Business

- A. Change order #2 response letter/liquidated damage draft letter – We are in agreement with our engineers regarding change order #2. We have not heard back from Methuen Construction whether they will be going to arbitration or taking legal action. The engineers highly recommend we have town counsel review. Tim would prefer we wait until we hear back from Methuen Construction before we contact counsel.
- B. Sewer Department Land – Guerriere and Halnon to sub divide the land. There is approximately 30 to 35 available acres in the area of White City and Laurelwood to Mendon. The minimum to sub divide acreage is 25 acres. We will start by meeting with many of the Town Boards. The Town has offered to split the surveying cost.
- C. Well Repair/Replacement Wells – there is another leak at the Mill Street well field. This is at the furthest part of the well field approximately 700 – 1000' from the well station. This well has been there since the 1940s and has been abandoned for a number of years.
- D. Jet Truck – the jet truck is a 1973 truck that recently broke down again, the cost for these repairs were a few thousand dollars. The department is looking into purchasing a new jet truck. Tim feels this equipment can be mounted on a trailer and just purchase a new truck since one is needed in the sewer department. This would be a much cheaper option.

Manager's Report – two of the water department employees have been working nights for the past two weeks flushing hydrants. Tim stated we would need to follow up on the railroad, we have not heard anything since September 5th. Chairperson Burt asked what the purpose of flushing hydrants was and Tim stated it was for fire protection and to exchange the water.

Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours

Commissioner Morin made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 P.M. seconded by Commissioner Burke and made unanimous by Chairperson Burt.

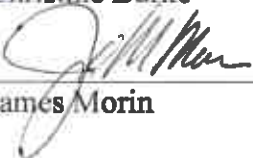
I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes of
October 10th, 2019.



Ed Burt – Chairperson



Christine Burke



James Morin