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Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners

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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of November 21, 2019

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on November 21, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the Draper Room of Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burt, Commissioner Burke and Commissioner Morin.

Consent Items

Minutes of the October 11th meeting – Commissioner Morin made a motion to approve the minutes of October 11th, seconded by Commissioner Burke and made unanimous by Chairperson Burt.

Minutes of the October 25th joint meeting – Chairperson Burt had asked others to add their comments but have not received any, it was decided it could be added later if received. Commissioner Burke made a motion to approve the minutes of October 25th, seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burt.

Appointments

- A. Hopedale Country Club (abatement request) – Ken Mooradian, Board Member from the Hopedale Country Club came before the Board to request an abatement on one of the country clubs water bills. There was a leak in the ground in the 1000' piping to the bubbler. The normal usage is between 100 and 500 cubic feet, this past quarter the usage was 26,500 cu.ft. Commissioner Burke stated we have never abated a bill due to a leak in the past, only thing we've done and can do is make a payment agreement. Mr. Mooradian stated the bill had already been paid. The Board did not abate bill.

New Business

- A. Town meeting recap and discussion on petition to intervene – some housekeeping items were done to transfer money to cover fees. Chairperson Burt's amendment to Article 7 at the November 17th Special Town Meeting was denied. The Water/Sewer Commissioners will be attending the Selectmen's meeting on Monday, November 25th. Bob Reed, interim Town Administrator stated our discussion with the Selectmen may be later in the meeting due to a long agenda. Commissioner Burke asked Mr. Reed if they had heard anything from the DPU in which he stated nothing has been received. The agreement with the previous Town Administration, Steve Sette, was always once we received the DPU decision then we would decide on counsel.

Old Business

- A. Rock class change order #2 – town counsel did come back with their opinion and they agree with our engineers. The next step would be to wait for official notification from the contractors attorneys. Kopelman & Paige has given their opinion about how their fees should be assessed. Next step would be mediation or legal process. It would be up to Methuen Construction to make the next step. 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.

Manager's Report – Tim wanted to discuss 2 things, first being touring the wells, we have a company coming out on Monday. Way in the back of the golf course seems to be a very promising area. Would like to test 3 or 4 more wells and possibly manifold these together. We do need to keep as a well field. Secondly, Tim wanted to discuss the Mendon fireline for Whitin Road, this area has been rezoned, it is no longer residential. Tim has asked the Mendon Water Department for a copy of their ruling in writing.

Interim Town Administrator, Bob Reed stated he has contacted counsel on the public request that was received regarding the railroad. We will come up with a cost estimate of our time. Once they receive the bill and it is paid we will have 15 days to get the information to them. All the information will be sent to town counsel to review as to what is confidential and what they can have.

Mr. Reed asked the Board if they would like a town email address, in which the Board all stated they would. Tim to coordinate with Sue Brouwer, Town Administrator's Assistant

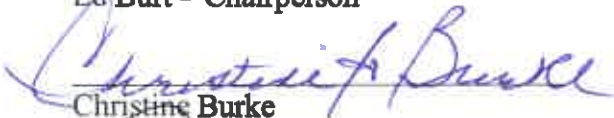
Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours

Commissioner Morin made a motion to adjourn at 5:32 P.M. seconded by Commissioner Burke and made unanimous by Chairperson Burt.

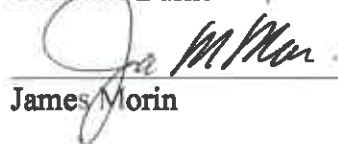
I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes of November 21st, 2019.



Ed Burt – Chairperson



Christine Burke



James Morin