



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners

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

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on December 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Draper Room of Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burt, Commissioner Burke and Commissioner Morin who arrived a little after meeting started.

Consent Items

Minutes of the November 21st meeting – Commissioner Burke made a motion to approve the minutes of November 21st and made unanimous by Chairperson Burt.

Appointments - None

New Business

- A. & B. I & I Proposed Work – Tim spoke with our engineers regarding the study and our high I&I areas, one being section H, Dutcher and Inman Streets. We will budget another \$100,000 next fiscal year. In the meantime, we will do some investigation work over the winter months. The sewer department employees have been going around inspecting manholes in those areas trying to pinpoint the areas with the highest I&I. A report has been submitted to DEP regarding the study. Tim stated that the Milford Country Club is also giving us a lot of I & I issues. We own the lines, but the Country Club Association is responsible for the lines. The Association will look for plans. Our department went and pulled a few manhole covers and found that some were not sealed properly. We will have our company fix and submit the bills to the condo association. Chairperson Burt stated he would like to have the report itself summarized then possibly posted so residents can see. These investigation and repairs will cost approximately \$2M over 10 years for the whole town..
- C. KP Law Invoices – there were some charges that Chairperson Burt spoke to Selectman Arcudi and Interim Town Administrator, Bob Reed about and an agreement was made on what should be paid by Water and Sewer.

Old Business

- A. WWTP Upgrades – all is complete other than punch list and the as built. Discussions are currently taking place between KP Law and Methuen Construction Attorneys.

Trying to finish up contract so it can be closed out. We have already incurred an additional \$70,000 in engineering costs and are discussing with legal regarding liquidated damages.

- B. Well-Field Testing – unfortunately none of the areas tested were viable. The material was very compact. Still looking at an area at the end of Bens Way.
- C. Public Request (RR) – the requested information was overnighted to KP Law for their review. This information was sent over on 3 flash drives.

Correspondents

- A. EPA Response (Zone II) – received a letter from Jane Downing regarding our request. The Board feels we should continue in the same direction, keep moving forward with DEP. Chairperson Burt mentioned updating both EPA and DEP. Commissioner Burke felt we should ask Ms. Downing for a contact. The Board was informed that the Railroad will be starting a recycling program in Hopedale. They do have DEP approval, but Tim stated is not sure of the process. Tim stated his biggest concern is if they be using town water and if so, how will this wastewater be disposed of and if there are any chemicals involved for washing. The Board stated that they need to be treated like any other company.

Manager's Report – The Board was informed that both departments are running smoothly. The Treasurer/Collector, Stephanie L'Etalien, saved the department \$74,000 regarding the loan payment. Tim wanted to thank her. Tim stated he will start looking at replacing some of the mains in town.

Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours

Commissioner Burke made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 P.M. seconded by Commissioner Morin 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 December 12th, 2019.



Ed Burt – Chairperson



Christine Burke



James Morin