



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Board of Water & Sewer
Commissioners**

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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of November 12, 2020

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on November 12, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burt (via Zoom) and Commissioner Morin.

Consent Items

Minutes of the October 22nd meeting – Commissioner Morin made a motion to approve the minutes of October 22nd and made unanimous by Chairperson Burt.

Correspondence: Land Donation

Chairperson Burt thanked the donators on our behalf. One would like to remain anonymous, the other donor being the Hopedale Foundation. Chairperson Burt will write thank you notes.

New Business

- A. **Resignation Letter** – Commissioner Burke turned in her letter of resignation to the Town Clerk. Chairperson Burt along with Commissioner Morin wanted to thank her for her 30 years of dedication to the Town. Mrs. Burke served as a Selectwoman, she was on the By Laws Review Committee, Water and Sewer Board to name a few. Commissioner Morin stated her expertise has been invaluable to the town always having the Town's best interest at heart. Tim Watson stated she was great to work with, always honest and did not sway from her decisions. Her resignation is effective immediately. Tim stated if anyone was interested in filling her position until the election, they would contact us first, then the Board would meet with the Board of Selectmen.
- B. **Greene Street Well** – were cleaned last spring and are again clogged with iron and manganese. They will need to be cleaned again, which takes approximately two weeks. Tim explained that we have the funding within the budget. Also mentioned that we need to start cleaning all the wells.
- C. **Water / Sewer Commitments** – Sandra Holland, Administrative Assistant went over the commitments as well as the revenue received.

Old Business

- A. Wastewater Mediation** -- there is now a verbal agreement, awaiting Methuen Construction. We will finish within budget.
- B. Draper Building Demolition** -- Tim informed the Board that they are working closely with the demolition company and Mr. Shwachmann. The Board was informed that a majority of the sewer for the town flows under that building. Mr. Shwachmann was informed that all these lines must be cut and capped including the nine new ones that were just found. Tim feels this will help with our I & I issue at the plant. On the water side, there have been questions regarding the dust. They own a hydrant on their property that is metered and is being used for dust control. At times, when more water is needed, river water is used. Chairperson Burt asked if there is any DEP involvement. Tim sated he feels they are following DEP rules. Chairperson Burt asked Tim to confirm with DEP next time he speaks with them.
- C. D West Street land update (court date moved to November 23, 2020)** - the Railroad changed attorneys so the date was changed. DEP has reached out and would like to stay involved. Chairperson Ed stated he will check with the Town Administrator to see if there is anything else we need to do. Tim asked about DPU and it would be nice to get clarification. Chairperson Burt to check with Attorney Durning and Town Administrator, Diana Schindler.
- D. Public and Board Member Comments** -- none


Manager's Report -- Tim informed the Board of the following:

- there is an easement running through private property on Steele Road, letter sent to resident
- an area near Pine Crest (bottom of Tillotson) had a sewer drain that was vandalized. The manhole cover was removed and filled with pumpkins, motorcycle parts, logs, boulders, plastic among other things. The police were informed. Tim would like his department to go door to door in the area to see if anyone saw anything. Chairperson Burt stated since he lives there he wouldn't mind going door to door with the department.
- reviews on Dave and Mike are complete and they are working on reviews for their department employees. They will then be given to the Town Administrator for their personnel files.
- the bid package for Phase 1 of the Sewer System Improvements should be done December/January time frame.
- need to start the process of hiring a laborer at the WWTP.

Commissioner Morin made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 P.M. 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 12th, 2020.


Ed Burt - Chairperson


James Morin
