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**Board of Water & Sewer
Commissioners**

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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners

Minutes of January 14, 2021

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on January 14, 2021 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 December 10th meeting – Commissioner Morin made a motion to approve the minutes of December 10th and made unanimous by Chairperson Burt.

Correspondents/Acknowledgements – Doug Scott(Lakesideranch Productions) – Mr. Scott, who grew up in Hopedale was working on a video with the Parks Department so Tim asked if he could include the pond for us. Tim stated that Mr. Scott did a wonderful job and wanted to thank him. Chairperson Burt thanked him as well and stated he would put together an official thank you.

Open Seat – Don Cooper has filled out a talent bank form for the open position on our board. Mr. Cooper is a lifelong resident, worked for Hopedale for 13 years and now works for the Town of Medway. Chairperson Burt thanked him for stepping forward. Commissioner Morin stated that we would have to meet with the Board of Selectmen to inform them of Mr. Cooper. Tim mentioned that Mr. Cooper will be a great asset to the Board when it comes to the \$104,000 sewer lining bid due to all of his experience.

Commissioner Morin made a motion to nominate Don Cooper to the Board to fill Christine Burke's open seat pending delivery of his talent bank form made unanimous by Chairperson Burt.

Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins – Commissioner Morin read a letter received from Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins of Adin Street praising the sewer department. Commissioner Morin stated how nice it was to receive a letter of gratitude since these are not what we normally receive. Commissioner Morin wanted to thank both departments for all their great work. Chairperson Burt asked that copies of this letter be put in their personnel files.

New Business

- A. New Source Exploration Update** – Tim stated they are working very well with the golf course. A trail was made in the back of the course to get to the back of Ben's Way. Water and Sewer did a great job marking these sources. There is still a lot of

work to be done. Chairperson Burt explained to residents that we continue to look for new sources which are extremely important. Another example of where our departments are doing a lot of the work ourselves.

- B. Grant Application – turnover for the grant should be quick since it has to be spent by end of June.
- C. Budgets – Chairperson Burt and Tim met with Town Administrator, Diana Schindler and Town Accountant Eric Kinsharf regarding indirect costs and have made some headway. Tim asked Dave Butler and Mike Brown to create budgets for their departments and then Tim will review. Still waiting on union information. Chairperson Burt feels some numbers should be exact, health insurance numbers for example. Actual versus budget should be corrected before year end. Accountants are reviewing to confirm tax payers are not paying twice for health insurance. Tim informed the Board that we still do not have our free cash numbers.
- D. Sewer Relining Bid Results and Awarding – the bids came in cheaper than we were expecting. We thought it would be approximately \$168,000 but came back at \$104,000. Hoping to start project end of January beginning of February.

Old Business

- A. Draper Building Demolition – nothing new to discuss, still working very well with Mr. Shwachman and the demolition company.
- B. West Street Land Update – no new updates. We did receive a request today for a joint meeting next Wednesday.

Manager's Report – very busy on water side. Sewer Department worked at the Cutler Street pump station while being down 1 man at the sewer plant. One of the employee's wife tested positive then his kids also tested positive, but he continues to test negative.

Commissioner Morin made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 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 January 14, 2021.

Ed Burt – Chairperson



James Morin

