



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Water & Sewer  
Commissioners

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### Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of August 6, 2018

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on August 6, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. at the Water Treatment Plant, 208 Hopedale St. Members present were Chairperson Burns, Commissioner Burke and Commissioner Morin

**Reorganize the Board** – On a motion by Commissioner Morin, seconded by Chairperson Burns and made unanimous by Commissioner Burke, with all in favor it was voted and approved to elect Christine Burke as Chairperson of the Water and Sewer Board.

#### Consent Items

Minutes of the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting – Commissioner Morin made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and made unanimous by Commissioner Burns. Chairperson Burke was not in attendance of the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Appointments - None

#### New Business

- A. Water Usage and Demand – Tim informed the Board that water use was up this June by 1.6 million gallons compared to last June. We are maintaining this additional usage without any major water restrictions. Since it has been raining, people are not watering as much allowing us a chance to fill the tanks. At this point we are rarely making chemical adjustments. Per our permit we are allowed 400 gallons per minute through our filters. The downfall to this are wells are getting clogged. Hoping to get wells cleaned. One of the rock wells, which is deep will cost approximately \$13,000 to clean. The Greene Street well is cleaned every year at approximately \$30,000-\$40,000 per year. This may have to go to twice a year. We now have to backwash twice a day. If turbidity level exceeds .1 then a backwash must be done. Tim informed the Board that he comes into work between 4:30 and 5:30 A.M. to do the first backwash. The Water Department employees then do a second one around 2:30 P.M. On the weekends, one of the Water Department employees will do the first backwash and Tim will go in the afternoon and holidays to do the second backwash.
- B. Request for Water Services in Mendon - Tim has had discussions with contractors/developers wanting to tie in to our service. We are managing with what we have right now. Tim stated that he would like the Mendon Commissioners to come to discuss this issue with us. It is tough when Mendon approves a tie in, then the contractor/developer comes to him for approval and he cannot give them an answer either way. Commissioner Morin feels we should not be allowing any additional Mendon tie ins. He feels there are too many loose ends in Hopedale. He feels we should put on the developer to find

water. The only other place Tim feels we have left to look for water is in North Hopedale, behind the Tradesman Lounge. The Board would like to see a simple letter go out to all other Hopedale Boards letting them know we have reached our capacity of water. Tim asked if the Board ever foresees supplying more water to Mendon or do we want to send Mendon a letter stating we would appreciate them not sending anyone else to us concerning tie ins. Commissioner Morin made a motion for us to write a letter to the Mendon Water Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Burns and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

- C. New Service Request Storage Facility off South Main – we have received paperwork and checks from Kennedy Excavating for a fire service line, sewer tie in and a drain layers license application for property at 240 South Main Street. We do not have an issue with their requests but looks like Milford Sewer might. Tim is unsure why, so the Board has asked Tim to go and discuss with John Mainini from Milford Sewer to see if this can be resolved. If not, then the Milford and Hopedale Commissioners will need to get involved. The Board asked that the approval of this tie in be tabled until our next meeting.
- D. New Service Request 153 Hopedale St. – New England Services, contractor for 153 Hopedale Street came to the Town looking to tie in to an existing sewer line on the property. The residents are having an in-law apartment built where their garage is located on a large slab. There was some confusion since the Board of Health accepted a \$200 payment from the contractor in error. We will notify the Board of Health to transfer \$100 to Hopedale Sewer for the drain layers application and then refund the contractor the overpayment of \$100.
- E. Plant Alarms – the Board was informed that we have been having some issues with connections failing with the plant alarms. The alarms were shut off since they were constantly going off. The alarms need a line of sight to not be interrupted. The antennae lines were lifted to see if that would help which unfortunately it did not. Two weeks ago, Tim's computer went down so the on-call operator was not notified when 4 wells were down. Tim happened to come in so luckily no alarms had been triggered. Tim is recommending that we look into a radio system. This would cost approximately \$10,000 and can be done within the working budget and good up to 10 miles. Tim is going to see about getting a tablet for the water department employees. He will also talk to Steve about amending the contract.

#### **Old Business**

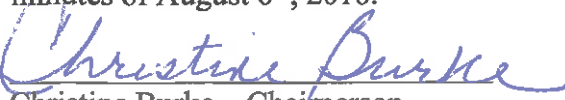
- A. WWTP update – Tim informed the Board that all is running smoothly.

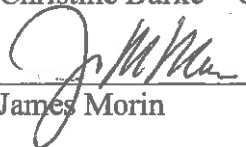
**Manager's Report** – nothing additional to discuss

**Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours** – none

Commissioner Burns made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

  
Christine Burke – Chairperson

  
James Morin

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Robert Burns