



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Water & Sewer  
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### Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of September 13, 2018

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on September 13, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burke and Commissioner Morin

#### Consent Items

Minutes of the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting – Commissioner Morin made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

#### Appointments - None

#### New Business

A. Draper Falls report and review draft letter to Planning Board – Steve Sette, Town Administrator sent a letter to the Boards requesting comments concerning Draper Falls. Our letter details our concerns with the sewer infrastructure and water structures that run under the mill. We are at capacity and cannot support an additional 500 units. There has been talk about giving land to the railroad and due to preemptive rights, we would have no control. Chairperson Burke asked while building the new waste water treatment plant if there was discussion on the cost of a new tank. Tim stated they had not. Tim stated heavy rain and high ground water brings us above our allowed MGD, exceeding the design capabilities. Commissioner Morin stated he is glad that we are sending out this letter so other departments are aware of our concerns. He does not want our current users to be penalized for this. Tim stated it's not that it cannot be done, the involved parties have to be made aware of the additional costs. They have to realize we are at our max for water going through the plant. Last time we found another source for water, it took 11 years start to finish before it became usable. Chairperson Burke asked when the Planning Board had their next scheduled meeting, in which she was informed would be September 26<sup>th</sup>.

B. Well Cleaning (authorize reserve account funding) - there are enough funds in the current budget to have the bedrock well cleaned at approximately \$12,000. This will take place in a few weeks. Tim would also like to have the 3 Greene Street wells cleaned as well. He would like to use reserve funds since this will cost between \$35,000 and \$40,000. Commissioner Morin made a motion to use \$40,000 from the Reserve Fund to clean the 3 Green Street wells and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

#### Old Business

A. WWTP update – There has been a lot of progress over the last 5 weeks. The clarifiers were worked on, the inner shell of the screen room is complete, tied into razz line which took approximately 3 weeks longer than expected. The

contract states the new equipment should be up and operational by November 11<sup>th</sup>. Tim did mention additional unexpected costs: new furnace \$28,000, asbestos \$4,000, chimney repairs \$8,000, bringing oil line to code \$4,000. We will have to borrow money at our next Town Meeting.

Tim informed the Board that one of the sewer employees slipped on rocks and will be out. The Board was also informed that DEP did a surprise visit and Tim felt all went well overall.

- B. New Service Request South Main Street – Tim informed the Board that he did speak with John Mainini from the Milford Sewer Department as requested previously by our Board. Mr. Mainini stated he does not feel he can stop 240 South Main LLC but is checking with his Town Counsel. Tim feels we should approve his 2” and 6” tie-ins and table the rest until our next meeting.
- C. Plant Alarms – all are updated and working properly. We now have the ability to tie in all upgrades at the sewer plant.

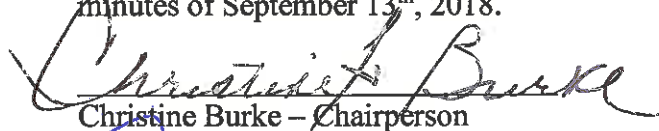
**Manager’s Report** – nothing additional to discuss

**Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours –**

Commissioner Morin asked what was happening with Villa Drive. Our part is now complete and a plumber has repaired issues at some of the homes. Highway will be there next week to finish. Some areas were shallow but insulated.

Commissioner Morin made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. 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 September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

  
Christine Burke – Chairperson

  
James Morin

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Robert Burns