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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of February 14, 2019

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on February 14, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Draper Room of Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burke, Commissioner Morin and Commissioner Burt.

Consent Items

Minutes of the January 10th meeting – Commissioner Morin made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10th meeting seconded by Commissioner Burt and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

Minutes of the joint meeting January 28, 2019 with Conservation and Board of Health – passed over until next month.

Appointments -

- A. CDE Consultants, Inc. (Kathy Campbell) – Ms. Campbell, President of CDE Consultants, a civil and environmental engineering firm out of Natick came to help with questions regarding the Departments zone II. The Board is seeking direction on what type of authority it has within the Zone II when the area is being utilized by a rail carrier. Ms. Campbell stated if we feel there is a threat to the drinking water we can get the EPA involved. It was also stated that anything that can be moved is in transit and cannot be regulated. There is no time limit on storage if it is in transit. We explained that our responsibility is ground water but were informed that DEP cannot make them test and neither can we. Mr. Milanowski from Grafton Upton Railroad was also in attendance and stated that he feels we are doing the right thing by looking for professional assistance. Chairperson Burke asked him if they have any plans on expanding in which he responded they are always expanding. The topic of fly ash was brought up and Mr. Milanowski stated that is it contained and there is no air exposure. He stated that he did not have to inform anyone about the fly ash but he did speak with Steve Sette, Town Administrator. He feels the railroad has done many things to be a good neighbor, for example dredging the pond. Tim asked Mr. Milanowski if they have to notify STB (Surface Transportation Board) if they extend the rails and he stated they were not expanding, just redoing the lines into Milford. Mr. Milanowski was informed that we are not trying to regulate the railroad strictly trying to protect our ground water. Mr. Milanowski informed the Board that railroad employees meet with Mary Jude from DEP on a quarterly basis. Grafton Upton Railroad was purchased from Draper approximately 12 years ago. When the building was demolished some contamination was found. Chairperson Burke asked if

there was a 21E filed. Mr. Milanowski stated he is willing to share any information that pertains to Hopedale.

New Business

- A. WWTP Change Order – the Board was informed that DEP has authorized the change order regarding clarifier modifications. Tim stated the change order went from approximately \$462,000 to approximately \$411,000. Change order number 3 for approximately \$11,000 can be done in house per Tim.

Commissioner Burt made a motion to approve the change order for the primary clarifier, seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

Old Business

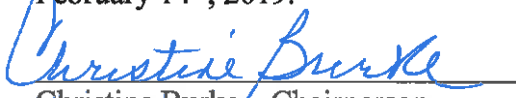
- A. Discussion on Rates – expected shortfalls are \$73,000 for water and \$163,000 for sewer. Assessment charges will also have to be adjusted for FY20. Discussed doing a minimum charge for water and sewer. In the spreadsheets Tim shared with the Board, option 1 may get us a little in retained earnings whereas option 2 would be a larger increase into retained earnings. Tim feels we could also look at our rules and regs and discuss increasing charges for call outs and hydrant fees. A public meeting will need to be held to discuss new rates. We can have a public hearing to discuss new rates at our March meeting but will not be implemented until the July billing

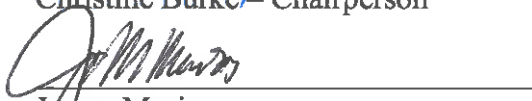
Manager's Report – nothing additional to discuss

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

Commissioner Burt made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 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 February 14th, 2019.


Christine Burke – Chairperson


James Morin


Ed Burt