



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Water & Sewer  
Commissioners

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### Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of May 14, 2015

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on May 14, 2015, in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Acting Chairperson Burke, Commissioner Morin and Commissioner Burns. Chairperson Burke is acting chair until Commissioner Burns is sworn in.

#### **Consent Items**

Minutes of the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting and the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting – Commissioner Morin made a motion to approve the minutes of May 30<sup>th</sup> and was made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

**Appointments** – None

#### **New Business**

- A. Warrant Articles – The four articles pertaining to the Water/Sewer Departments on the Town Warrant were discussed. Article 10 and 11 are in regards to Water and Sewer working budgets, and both were approved as submitted to the Board at the March meeting. Article 21 is for the purchase of a new service truck. Lastly, Article 22 is in regards to the borrowing of funds for EPA permit-required upgrades at the wastewater plant. The Board was informed that the engineers from Weston & Sampson will be at the town meeting with a presentation for the residents.
- B. Approved Budgets – as discussed above.
- C. Increased Water Demand – the Board was reminded of the issues with the pumps fighting each other. The long term goal is that a large tank be installed in the ground where all wells would be pumped into and then go to the treatment plant. Within the last 30 days, we have been pumping approximately 100,000 gallons per day more due to demand. There are now five wells on and we are barely meeting this demand. Tim informed the Board that there are two options regarding water bans, with the first being a water restriction from May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>. The second option is stream flow monitoring of the Blackstone River. Tim would prefer not to use either and asked the Board to give him permission to decide when a ban should go into effect. This would be done by checking the elevation of the tank. If needed, a mandatory odd/even ban would go into effect. Chairperson Burke asked how the public would be notified, and Tim stated that we would use cable, send a letter with the next billing, use of code red, and signs posted throughout town. Commissioner Morin made a motion to give Tim permission to declare a mandatory odd/even water ban if needed and it was made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

#### **Old Business**

- A. Solar Bids – information was sent to town counsel two weeks ago hearing back from Attorney Doneski today at 4:00 P.M. Attorney Doneski stated he would prefer another consultant with more experience to review and get back to us. The three companies that submitted bids were Solar City, HESP and Sun Edison. HESP was the only company interested in looking at land on the hill. Commissioner Burns asked if we could research attorneys that other towns have used for similar projects and contact them. Chairperson Burke asked for the name of the consultant that Attorney Doneski recommended.

**Correspondence - None**

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

Commissioner Morin made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 P.M. and it was made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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Christine Burke – Chairperson

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James Morin

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Roberts Burns