



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 14, 2014

Ch 23

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on August 14, 2014 in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Commissioner Burns and Commissioner Burke.

Commissioner Burke opened the meeting at 7:00PM. Commissioner Burke made a motion to appoint Commissioner Burns as acting Chair for this meeting, made unanimous by Commissioner Burns.

Consent Items

Minutes of the June 12th meeting – Commissioner Burke made a motion to pass over, Commissioner Burns was not in attendance of the June meeting and Chairperson Morin was not in attendance this evening.

Appointments - None

New Business

- A. **Water treatment plant – raw water lines** – Discussions were held about flow rates into the water treatment plant. All 6 wells merge into 1 - 6" line. This leads to increased head pressure and lower flow rates from each well. At the Greene Street well site all three wells running at their design max produce approximately 80 GPM. When running out of a hydrant with no head loss the wells produced 220 GPM. Tim informed the Board that he has been working with an engineer about possible corrective actions. This includes the possibility of pumping all well sites into a large holding tank then through the treatment plant. This would not only reduce the overall head loss but also assist with a more consistent water quality. The engineer, Peter Newton is working on the project at an hourly rate. If a design is needed he was instructed to meet with the board about the issues.
- B. **Mill Street Well Field** – Prior to connecting the new wells from the past geophysical survey, a report and water quality analysis needed to be submitted to DEP. Additionally a Determination of Applicability had to be filed with the local Conservation Commission before crossing a drainage swale. Both were completed and the

department has ordered all the necessary materials to extend the well field and connect the new wells. Additional land may be required. Previously the Hopedale Country Club and Rosenfeld agreed to transfer a portion of land to the department, however it was never filed at the Registry of Deeds. The land is being surveyed again after which time both parties will be approached again.

C. **Leaks found and repaired** – a leak was detected on Gannett Way and repaired. A large portion of this work had to be completed by hand. Tim informed the Board that the guys had dug an 8' x 4' x 7' trench under all utilities in order to repair the leak. They were commended on their hard work and positive attitudes. Leaks were also detected and repaired on Prospect and Freedom Streets.

Old Business

- A. **Solar System** – if the Board decides they want to move ahead with this project, the Procurement Officer, Steve Sette, will have to be informed regarding drafting an RFP. This should be done sooner than later in order to benefit from the available credits. The Board wants to confirm with the Selectman that only water and sewer will benefit from this project.
- B. **Waste Water Treatment Plant Update** – Weston & Sampson will be attending the September meeting. Ken Webb and Mike Brown, Wastewater employees informed Tim Watson that copper and phosphorus are way down and secondary clarifiers are needed.

Correspondence – None

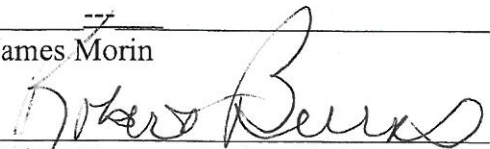
Other topics not reasonably anticipated by chairman within 48 hours – None

Managers Update – discussed leaks in Town, the new sewer plant employee, Paul Wilson, and that everything is running smoothly.

Chairperson Burns made a motion at 7:45 to adjourn and go into executive session to discuss pending litigation not to reconvene, made unanimous by Commissioner Burke.

I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes August 14th, 2014.

James Morin



Robert Burns – Acting Chair



Christine Burke