



TOWN OF HOPE DALE

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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of September 11, 2014

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on September 11, 2014 in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Morin, Commissioner Burns and Commissioner Burke.

Chairperson Morin opened the meeting at 7:00PM. Chairperson Morin asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11/01.

Reorganize the Board - Commissioner Burke made a motion to appoint Commissioner Burns as Chairperson, seconded by Chairperson Morin and made unanimous by Commissioner Burns.

MSDV to appoint Bob Burns as Water & Sewer Commission Chair

Consent Items

Minutes of the June 12th meeting – Commissioner Morin made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12th and made unanimous by Commissioner Burke.

MSDV approve minutes of June 12, 2014

Minutes of the August 14th meeting – Commissioner Burke made a motion to approve the minutes of August 14th and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns.

MSDV approve minutes of August 14, 2014

Executive Sessions Minutes of the August 14th meeting – Commissioner Burke made a motion to approve the executive session minutes of August 14th and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns

MSDV approve Executive Session minutes of August 14, 2014

Old Business

- A. **Solar System** – Kopelman and Paige is working on the RFP for the solar system proposal. All documentation was requested to be completed for a possible fall Town Meeting. Attorney Doneski will be working on this for the Town.
- B. **Waste Water Treatment Plant Update** – Water/Wastewater Manager, Tim Watson and Wastewater Chief Operator Ken Webb met with Engineers from Weston & Sampson. Weston and Sampson informed Tim and Ken that major upgrades would

be needed in order to meet the requirements of the new discharge permit. As requested by the board a complete plant evaluation was performed. Tim informed the board that a number of the suggested upgrades he would like to address within the working budget. Such as doors, windows as well as smaller pump and motor upgrades. It was requested that Weston & Sampson provide a breakdown of priority and cost for each upgrade and that Tim would like to utilize the back portion of the treatment plant in order to prevent excavation and disruption to the existing process during construction.

Out of town septic was also discussed. It is believed that this process is not only affecting the treatment process but also costing more to treat than what the service revenue brings in. By stopping this service, the town may not only save money but comply with permit conditions for a nitrogen removal plan. Chairman Burns asked if we could upgrade the system and have the haulers pay for it through fees. It was explained that the cost to build would be more than the haulers would be willing to pay as there are other places to dump that would be cheaper. The service will continue until the Board hears from Weston & Sampson at their next meeting in October.

- C. **Mill Street Well Field** – the 2 new wells installed in the spring at the Mill Street well-field have been connected by installing 200' of water mains. Flow testing will be conducted on these wells and the well field within the next couple of weeks.

Correspondence – None


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

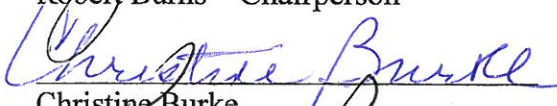
Managers Update – Town mapping is still moving forward nicely however the police detail account is running low.

There will be no Executive Session since there are no updates.

Chairperson Burns made a motion at 7:30 to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Commissioner Burke.

I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes September 11th, 2014.


Robert Burns – Chairperson


Christine Burke


James Morin