

**MINUTES OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday June 12, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.**  
**Town Clerk's Office**

**Members Present:** Jes Alexant, Brooks Sturtevant, Marshall Ploof, and Sara Rainville (secretary).

**Guests:** Peter Magnant, select board member and Dave Bennion.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jes Alexant. Pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Agenda Amendments:**

Add *Letter from State of Vermont* to item #8. All in favor, added.

**Public Comment:**

Dave Bennion has been watching over the Town Hall for the Town and has noticed the low water pressure/water flow into the building. He presented the members with an idea to purchase a 30 gallon pressure tank to lessen the problem. He has looked online at Lowes and one can be purchased for \$219; a check valve would also need to be installed. He feels like this would be cheaper than digging up the water line to look for possible problems. Dave has been monitoring the toilet for leak and has not noted any. Jes thanked Dave. Jes/Brooks made the motion to send Dave's idea to the select board for further discussion and approval. All in favor, motion passed. Marshall suggested contacting Brent Durenleau first about the possibility of him locating the issue in the line. All members in favor, Marshall will contact Brent to set up a time for him to come to the Town Hall.

**Approve Minutes:**

Jes/Brooks made the motion to approve the Map 8, 2017 minutes, all in favor; motion passed 2-0.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Sara presented the water commissioners with a trial balance report for FY17; checking account balance \$44,528.21.

A warrant with supporting invoices totaling \$779.36 was submitted for review and signatures by the members.

Sara will be generating July 1, 2017 bills in the next couple weeks; she needs the CCR to include with the mailing. It was also noted that the annual meeting date needs to be included in the CCR. Brooks will contact Mark about the CCR and ask him to also include that the Water Usage Ordinance has been updated and the options where its available for reading.

**Water Line Breaks:**

The water line repair work for Main Street has been scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2017 in the morning. Sara will email water users and contact the business' that will be affected; she will also contact the property owner Robert Bender. Water will be turned off and affect users between on Main Street between Hanna Road and Square Road. Marshall stated that all material will be removed and replaced with new; the area will be left to settle for a couple weeks then blacktop will be put down where it was torn up. The members would like Sara to

speak to Jim Cota with VTrans to let him know of the emergency water line work that will be done. The width of Main Street was discussed.

**Water System Upgrade Update & Letter from State of Vermont:**

The Town Clerk's Office received a letter of violation from the State today. The letter talks of the system deficiencies that the members are currently working on resolving. Jes has spoken to John Kiernan at Otter Creek Engineering and he has a meeting with the State on June 21, 2017; Jes will also try to attend this meeting. The Water District is still waiting for the State's final approval on the preliminary engineering study that Phelps Engineering prepared in 2015 & 2016.

Jes is going to put together a sequence of events for the project for the Annual Meeting.

**Operator Contract:**

Mark was at the May 8, 2017 water meeting and stated that he wished to stay on as water operator. Jes/Brooks made the motion to approve Mark Brouillette's contract effective July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018. All in favor, motion passed 2-0, Jes signed as water chair. Sara will let Mark know that its ready; the contract will go to the June 21, 2017 select board meeting for their signature too.

**Other Business:**

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting followed by the monthly meeting; this will be held on July 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin Homestead FELCO Room. Brooks will take care of reserving the FELCO Room.

Jes is working on a water source protection language to pass along to the Planning Commission for the Town Plan. Peter stated that it will go through as an amendment to the Town Plan, more than likely early 2018.

Discussion was had on installing a curb stop/water shutoff at 5048 Hanna Road due to the outstanding balance that is accruing. Jes/Brooks made the motion to have a curb stop/water shutoff installed at 5048 Hanna Road when the Main Street water line leak is being repaired later this week. All in favor, motion passed 2-0. Brooks will contact Mark about this be scheduled.

Motion made by Brooks/Jes to adjourn the meeting, all in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully,  
Sara Rainville  
June 12, 2017

***These minutes are not official until approved at the Water Commissions next regular meeting.***

These minutes were approved on July 10, 2017.