

**Annual Meeting**  
**MINUTES OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday July 10, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.**  
**Town Clerk's Office**

**Members Present:** Jes Alexant, Brooks Sturtevant, Marshall Ploof and Mark Brouillette (water operator).

**Guests:** Yvon Dandurand & Peter Magnant, select board members and John Kiernan, Otter Creek Engineering.

Annual meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Jes Alexant. Pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Agenda Amendments:**

Add: water line repairs.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Approve Minutes:**

Jes/ Marshall made the motion to approve the June 12, 2017 minutes, all in favor; motion passed 3-0.

**Treasurer's Report:**

A warrant with supporting invoices totaling \$1,197.11 was reviewed and signed by the members.

Jes/Brooks made the motion to send a revised bill to Sally Boudreau; bill should be for fall disconnect and spring reconnect. All in favor, motion passed. Sara will issue a revised bill and mail.

**Water System Upgrade Update:**

Jes summarized where the project is to date and welcomed John Kiernan of Otter Creek Engineering to the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

The State has asked that the Town upgrade the water supply. Originally the Water District had contracted with Phelps Engineering and Lance Phelps did the draft preliminary engineering study and submitted it to the State on the Water District's behalf. While waiting for the State's response the State brought up the issue of corrosion control. Since that report was submitted to the State, Lance Phelps has retired and closed his business. The Water District sought out John Kiernan at Otter Creek Engineering to assist with the next phase of the project and help to get the preliminary engineering study approved with the State. John Kiernan will provide the final engineering study.

John recently met with Michelle Charbonneau with the State of Vermont. The State had questions in regards to the proposed limestone chip expense. John stated that the State cannot force the Town to use chemicals to treat the water supply. Peter noted that the Town does not want to use chemicals. The State seemed to be on board with the limestone chip treatment option.

The State requires the Water District to do lead & copper testing as scheduled.

The hydraulic water test was discussed. There appears to be some hydrants around Town that are operating below the required pressure. It was noted that standard practice for hydrants requires them all to be painted black and marked "NOT TO USE HYDRANTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION". Peter questioned how many hydrants are not operational; Marshall stated that only one is not able to be used. Mark Brouillette offered to bring in equipment to determine flowrate. John stated that as part of the project they will provide flow rates of all the hydrants. Marshall was concerned about having to paint all the hydrants black.

John also stated that the State is concerned with water source protection. Peter replied that the Town is working on updating the Town plan and that is being addressed. Jes will work with John on source protection. Yvon noted at the last Planning Commission meeting he attended, that source protection was being discussed.

Overflow chlorination was discussed as well as corrosion control methods. Peter questioned if the limestone chips would affect the taste of the water, he also asked about the recording of pH levels and Jes discussed tracking data.

John noted that the State would like a cost comparison to be included in the final engineering report. They would also like a schedule that will address compliance issues. John didn't feel that the Water District was in violation of any issues related to the system upgrade.

Budget, design and permits were discussed (\$12,000) and supplemental (\$2500) as well as a possible schedule. John can do everything and include it in the contract. Financing options were also discussed.

The water commissioners and select board will review the contract that John proposed and hopefully have a decision for him at their meeting in August.

John was thanked and exited the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

#### **Other Business:**

Jes will stay on as a water commissioner to see out the project. Marshall will work with Mark more and Brooks will work on meeting prep.

Marshall/Brooks made the motion to appoint Jes as water commission chair, all in favor motion passed

Marshall/Jes made the motion to appoint Brooks as water commission vice chair, all in favor, motion passed.

Mark will let the Water District know who he is going to use for an excavating company to do water line work/repairs.

The members would like Sara to call Ryan Jordan about getting pavement done at 5225 Main Street where the water line was repaired. Marshall noted the section is about 14' x 28'.

The water pressure at the Town Hall was discussed. Marshall has spoken to Brent Durenleau and he is available to come up with his sonic meter; he charges \$200 minimum. The members would like to try this option before digging the line back up.

Mark will get the two hydrants fixed; he will contact Mike McDougall for his assistance.

Yvon brought up a water source back up for future discussion.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office.

Motion made by Brooks/Marshall to adjourn the meeting, all in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully,  
Sara Rainville  
July 13, 2017.

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