

MINUTES OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 @ 5:00 P.M.
Webster Spring, Hubbard Spring & Town Clerk's Office

Meeting called to order by Jes Alexant at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Clerk's Office Parking lot, pledge of allegiance was said.

Members Present: Jes Alexant, Brooks Sturtevant and Marshall Ploof.

Guests: Peter Magnant (select board), Yvon Dandurand (select board), Mark Brouillette (water operator), Dave Bennion (planning commission), Rolland Rainville.

Tour for Source Protection Plan; Jes collected information for updating the Source Protection Plan.

Marshall outlined dimensions of town land, informed commission of land above and farmer spreads liquid manure as part of Source Protection plan, Jes took photos of area to locate any potential contaminants.

Jes informed Dave B of Hubbard/Rainville Spring, water commission and selectboard members toured the spring with the assistance of Rolland Rainville; MP informed board of the layout, also informed everybody of the State's desire to insure of backup water source.

Tours ended and members headed back to Town Office to finish rest of meeting

Jes continued the meeting at the Town Clerk's Office at 6:05 p.m.

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Guests: Peter Magnant (select board), Yvon Dandurand (select board), Mark Brouillette (water operator), Sara Rainville (Secretary), Joey & Stacey Bishop.

Agenda Amendments:

Brooks/Jes made the motion to move item #12-Customer Repair restoration costs to before item #6-Approve minutes of previous meeting, all in favor, motion approved 3-0.

Customer Repair restoration costs

Jes & Marshall gave an overview of spring waterline repairs & restorations. The Bishops had previously submitted a bill to the Town for repayment of driveway & lawn work done at Vivian Bishops house on Hanna Road. Stacey Bishop read a letter to the members requesting repayment in full; the letter also noted that no timeline had been given as to when the repairs would be made from the waterline that was dug up. Marshall noted that he tried to get to all the repairs in a timely manner but there were many and he was also busy with his business. He further stated that he does the property repairs himself as he was always trying to keep expenses down for the water system so that water rents would not have to be increased, many times property owners have made contact with him and they have fixed the property themselves and not passed along the bill to the water system. Marshall had in the past volunteered his time and kept the cost for supplies for lawn/driveway repairs to a minimum.

Peter Magnant discussed the spring waterline repair work and potential for it to keep occurring due to continued snow pack over the waterlines that causing the frost to deepen.

Jes proposed that the water district pay for some of the cost of the stone, Bishops were not pleased with that and made mention of having already spoken to their attorney about recovering the money due to them.

Jes/Brooks made the motion to defer discussion of the bill repayment to the Bishops as well as a policy on lawn & driveway repairs by the water district to a later time, all in favor, motion passed 3-0. The water commissioners agreed that the Bishops would have a response from the water district on the bill by October 14, 2015.

The Bishop's were thanked and exited the meeting.

Further discussion was had on the request for reimbursement for property work at Vivian Bishop's house on Hanna Road.

Marshall/Brooks made the motion to refer the Bishop's bill to the select board with the water districts recommendation that the select board approve the payment of \$150.83 in stone materials only, vote taken, motion approved 3-0.

Marshall informed the members that from the curb stop to the house service line in the responsibility of the property owner; the water district maintains the main line that is in the highway right of way.

Approve minutes:

Motion made by Marshall/Brooks to approve August 10, 2015, all in favor; motion approved 3-0.

Draft Source Protection Plan update & Monitoring Waiver Application:

Jes will send a copy to all water commission members to review the current working draft. Jes will send in the monitoring waiver application before the upcoming deadline.

Phelps Engineering Study:

Jes is working with Phelps Engineering; Ashely Lucht from the State of Vermont has sent the State's approval.

Customer Inline Booster Pump:

Mark has spoken to a local plumber and received a quote for \$600 to install the system. Brooks/Jes made the motion to approve Mark to spend up to \$600 (which will include parts & labor) to install the new air-gap system at the Grennon's house on Main Street, all in favor, motion passed 3-0. Mark & Marshall will schedule a time to meet with the Grennon's.

Monitoring/Water notification status:

Mark is retesting in the coming days as per the current water testing schedule. Notice was sent to water system users last month with notice of positive test results.

Recruitment of new commission member:

Jes noted that Marshall's term as water commissioner is about to expire, the water commissioners would really appreciate his further assistance. Peter voiced his thoughts and would really like to see Marshall continue to assist the water district in any capacity he is able to, the select board really appreciates all Marshall's time and efforts with the water system.

Other:

Peter questioned the status of the waterline work at Mark Racine's rental house on Main Street. Marshall and Mark will set up a visit with Mark to discuss the water districts plans.

Peter informed the members that the Select board has discussed the deepening of the Town Hall's water line from the curb, the select board will put it in to the next year's Town budget. Jes/Marshall made the motion to approve Brooks as an additional water district signer for necessary water system documents as Jes is not always in Town to sign in the timeframes required, all in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Marshall/Brooks made a motion to adjourn; all in favor 3-0, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectively,
Sara Rainville
September 16, 2015

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

These minute were approved October 12, 2015.