

Groveland Water & Sewer Commissioners' Approved Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2022

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Attending: Commissioner Bill Dunn, Commissioner Terry Grim, and Commissioner Patrick Corr

Superintendent: Colin Stokes

Office Manager: Heather Torres

Guests: Bob Ward Haverhill Interim DPW Director, Mike Dempsey Groveland Conservation Commission

**Commissioner Bill Dunn made a motion to open the meeting at 5:02pm. Seconded by Commissioner Terry Grim. All were in favor.**

Discussion with Haverhill Wastewater Representatives

Brief discussion regarding wastewater agreement with Haverhill. The commissioners agreed to pay 4% instead of 3% on capital.

West Newbury Emergency Supply Discussion

Superintendent Colin Stokes spoke with DEP regarding temporarily supplying West Newbury with water. If West Newbury "returns" water to us, it may stir up sediment in our system. It is cleaner to sell them the water. The commissioners agreed to sell water to West Newbury at our lowest rate. The commissioners would like the following statement included in the agreement with West Newbury "agreement to be reviewed in 10 years."

Mike Dempsey to talk about Johnson's Pond

Mike Dempsey stated that the City of Haverhill has the water rights to Johnson's Pond. Haverhill has not used it as a water source in 50+ years. Haverhill would like to sell 3 buildings and the water rights. Groveland Conservation would like Groveland Water to take over the rights to Johnson's Pond. Brief discussion regarding water quality. Commissioner Bill Dunn would like a clear line of what water rights means. What are the responsibilities of Groveland Water and Sewer Department and what are the responsibilities of Groveland Conservation? Mike Dempsey stated the Groveland Conservation Commission typically maintains it. The next step is to contact DEP and Haverhill. Superintendent Colin Stokes will contact DEP and Mike Dempsey will contact Haverhill.

#### Discussion about Future Warrant Articles

Water Ban Bylaw – Would the commissioners like to change the by law completely or would they like to use Massachusetts General Law? The commissioners would like to check with town counsel to change the money collection wording.

Work on Scada System – Computer runs wells, booster, etc. We need funding to upgrade the software and physically move the equipment to the new building. Superintendent Colin Stokes will get a quote and present it at the next meeting.

#### Approve Past Meeting Minutes

**Commissioner Terry Grim made a motion to approve the 9/24/2022 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Bill Dunn. No discussion. All were in favor.**

#### Sign Departmental Paperwork

Commissioner Patrick Corr signed payroll

#### Items not reasonably anticipated at the time of posting

Union Street update-5 houses need to be tied in to new water main, tie in Chestnut St to Gardner and Union St to Summer St. Dig and cut to stub on old hydrants.

Superintendent Colin Stokes will bring the Capital Improvement List to the next meeting.

**Next commissioner's meeting will be Monday November 21, 2022 at 5:00pm.**

Commissioner Terry Grim asked for an update on Salem Street. Sewer installation will begin in early December. Over the past few weeks, manholes have been delivered. The developer is purchasing everything. Commissioner Terry Grim asked if abutters were provided with an update. Superintendent Colin Stokes stated that once the construction schedule is set, the abutters will be provided with an update.

**Commissioner Terry Grim made a motion to close the meeting at 6:12 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Bill Dunn. All were in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Torres