

Groveland Water & Sewer Commissioners' Approved Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2022

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

Superintendent: Colin Stokes

Office Manager: Heather Torres

Guests: West Newbury Water Department Superintendent Michael Gootee and West Newbury Water commissioners Robert Janes, Larry Corcoran, and John Duggan

Commissioner Bill Dunn made a motion to open the meeting at 5:00pm. Seconded by Commissioner Terry Grim. All were in favor.

Discussion with West Newbury about Emergency Connection

West Newbury Water Department Superintendent Mike Gootee explained that work needs to be performed on the interior of their water tank. The seams are failing and it will take approximately 2 weeks to complete the work. During that time period, West Newbury would like to purchase water from Groveland. In 2001 and 2004, the water commissioners from Groveland and West Newbury drafted agreements to get water from each other in situations like this. Brief discussion regarding water pipes specifications. Superintendent Colin Stokes will follow up with Ryan Algrove from Environmental Partners and DEP.

Sewer Extension I/I Consideration

Construction for the apartment complex on Salem Street will start in December. The board will waive sewer system development fees because the contractor is improving the sewer system. However, there is a separate fee, which the board cannot waive. Since we pump our sewage to Haverhill and Haverhill has the ability to dump sewage in the Merrimack River any project that pumps over 15,000 gallons of water per day is required to pay this fee. The Board of Commissioners will set a per gallon fee. The money collected for the fee can only be used for Sewer I & I work. DEP has seen rates range from \$1 per gallon to \$20 per gallon. Superintendent Colin Stokes will pull together surrounding communities fees for comparison.

Commissioner Terry Grim made a motion to waive sewer system development fees for the Salem Street Development. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick Corr. All were in favor

Vote to Surplus Equipment

Brief discussion regarding Water Department trucks.

Commissioner Bill Dunn made a motion to surplus equipment as long as it is posted on MuniBud. Seconded by Commissioner Terry Grim. Brief discussion regarding posting the equipment on MuniBid. All were in favor.

Approve Past Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bill Dunn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 25, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick Corr. No Discussion. All were in favor.

Sign Departmental Paperwork

Commissioner Terry Grim signed payroll.

Items not reasonably anticipated at the time of posting

The state government earmarked \$15,000 for the water department to explore a new water source. We requested \$250,000 but received \$15,000. It costs approximately \$1,000,000 per mile of pipe installed. Colin will send hydraulic study to commissioners for them to review.

Commissioner Bill Dunn asked for an update on water treatment plant plans. The government turned over the building that was used for cleaning up the superfund site to the church. We could potential buy it and use it as the water treatment plant. This is still being researched.

Commissioner Terry Grim made a motion to close the meeting at 5:44 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Bill Dunn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Torres