

WATER-SEWER COMMINISSORS MINUTES
August 21, 2012

Present: Leo Collette, Charlie Packard, George Cornwall, Val Daigle, Steve Nims, Supt.
and Dave Berger

Meeting Open: 6:00pm

Leo noted we cannot act on or vote on any items due to posting of Agenda was not made within 48 hours.

Guest: Bob MacLeod of 10 Main Street and Mrs. Girouard of Corey Hill Road

Leo asked Mr. MacLeod to open. Mr. MacLeod pasted out information to the Commissioners and began to address design flaws on the New Tank. He began with backflow issue, stating the quality of water is being compromised. Mr. MacLeod's concerns are for shallow lines etc. with possible contamination; water should come out clean and go in clean.

Charlie noted there was a vote on the System

Mr. MacLeod said it is not a Static System

Discussion made with Leo, George, and Valerie regarding pressure.

Bob: noted that old pipes need replacing

Steve: Noted old pipes are being replaced as needed.

Leo: answered yes need to replace. Also noted was the New Tank is the same as the old system, except the head of the tank is higher.

Continued discussion on regarding elevation & pumps; discharge of water pressure surges and relief valves around town. Steve noted there would be changes after the South Ashburnham Tank is fixed in approximately 2 weeks.

Leo: The Commissioners would take all of Mr. MacLeod's concerns into consideration and re-review at there next meeting.

Leo noted he received an e-mail from Peter Valinski which he handed over to George for reading as follows: Far Hills Association – there was a map of the Water Line presented, Val noted the the Water Main Line on the map was incorrect, it is under water and it should be noted to Tighe and Bond. The Town water main stops at Tweedo's. Steve will call Peter and make him aware of the line. It was suggested that we have a meeting with John Deline from Winchendon to discuss backflow preventer for Far Hills Association. George asked if preventers were recommended on all properties. Steve said yes.

Peter wants to have Hydraulic Models with owner information concerning usage with mapping into a GIS data layer etc. It was suggested to have a meeting with Peter for him to explain the system.

Leo: They could go to a meeting with the Joint Water Authority or with the Water Commissioners or could attend both, next Joint Water Authority meeting on September 12, 2012 at noon.

Steve noted Far Hills concerns with Water Breaks, they are to notify Winchendon first and Ashburnham 2nd.

Leo: He received a telephone call from the owner of 31 Main Street concerning payments of his rental units on Water-Sewer Bills. The property owner wanted the Commissioners to set up escrow accounts for renters. Leo noted this is something we cannot do; the owner should set that up themselves.

George noted he was working at the 250th Celebration Breakfast and John Moilan from Cushing approached him with concerns on water breaks – concerns have been noted by the commission.

Steve: Noted he had telephone calls from 2 residents regarding pressure reductions valves, noting we cannot install, must be installed by a licensed plumber. There will be Hydrant painting beginning, Hydrants with gates will be Red barrels and hydrants without gates will be yellow barrels.

Val: Will the Fire Department be notified

Steve: Yes

Steve: There were about 50 applications for Clerk position which will be narrowed down to 5 for interview with the Town Administrator and himself; they would then be narrowed to 3 finalists to be presented for interview.

Leo stated the next meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of September and the Agenda should be set 1 week prior to the meeting. September 11, 2012 Agenda needs to be posted 48 hours prior to the meeting. Ask Tight and Bond to be at the meeting.

George asked if there was a Job Description for the commission, Charlie said: Ed Vitone said the Board has total control.

Leo: We need more info; Job Description, Budget and Authority from Selectmen's Office.

Meeting Adjourn: 7:16pm

Respectfully Submitted by: *Donna Burton, Secretary*