

WATER-SEWER COMMISSION MEETING  
July 16, 2013

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

CALL TO ORDER

6:02pm

Motion to Approve the July 16, 2013 Agenda by Leo Collette, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Val Daigle, vote was unanimous.

Motion to accept the June 11, 2013 minutes by Val Daigle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cornwall, vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Leo discussed the recent email from Randy at Tighe & Bond regarding the remaining items punch list items on water tank. He stated that the 4 pine tress were replaced and are being watered by the W/S Dept. 3 times a week. It was suggest that they grade the area by the sign to the point and to plant seed in fall for better chance of growth.

Boating Signage & Rules & Regulations: Leo started the discussion on the permitting of boating on the reservoir. After a lot of thought and talks with the DEP his thoughts are that we should stop boating on the reservoir. Leo wanted the thoughts of all the commissioners on this topic. Val, Dave and Charlie all agreed that boating should be banned as this may contaminate our only water supply. They stated it is hard to monitor the in-coming boats for any contaminates like mill fore and other bacteria from other bodies of waters. George's feelings were that this has been allowed for 90+ years with no incidents and he does not wish to ban boating on the reservoir. Leo stated that no other reservoir in this area allows boating for the risk of contamination. Leo asked if the commission wanted to make a motion on this matter.

Motion by Dave Berger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Val Daigle as of January 1, 2014 all boating on the town's reservoir will be banned pending the approval from Winchendon at the July 17, 2013 AWJWA meeting, 4 – 1 abstained, motion did pass. Note: This motion has one exception given boating rights to the current and all future owners of the only occupied island on the reservoir for access only purposes.

Val also recommends that all boats that lay on the side of the road and down paths be tagged for removal by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Charlie asked on the progress of the hydrant painting. Steve told him that is on hold at this time due to leak detection that is being performed around town. Charlie stated that all the hydrants painted thus far look great. Steve told all the commissioners that is time consuming as the water dept is removing and greasing all components as they paint each hydrant.

Charlie asked if the 3 gates at Oakmont be addressed before the opening of the new school year. Leo stated that Whiteaker has given a verbal quote for repairing the existing tank monitoring system for approximately \$ 2,500.00. Leo will follow up on this quote and speak to John at the plant and Jim Whitney at the Water dept on this repair.

Leo reported that all cameras are all operating and they are all fed directly to the police department for monitoring purposes.

Reminder was made on the Stiles property connection be addressed in the near future.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Charlie asked if a few of the hydrants be raised or dug out that need to be. He stated he has notice a ½ a dozen or so throughout town. Steve told the commission that this will be addressed

#### COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Dave asked on the progress of the leak detection being done by EJ Prescott. Steve reported one leak was detected so far up on Memorial Dr. He will report back on the progress.

#### NEXT MEETING

August 13, 2013 @ 6:00pm

#### ADJOURN

Motion by: Val Daigle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Packard, 4 – 1 abstained. 7:15pm

Respectfully Submitted by: *Mary Calandrella*