

WATER-SEWER COMMISSION MEETING
October 15, 2013

Present: Leo Collette, Val Daigle, Charlie Packard, George Cornwall, Dave Berger, Steve Nims and Mary Calandrella
12 Abutters to the Reservoir : Speakers Peter Timms (signed petition) Paul Maguire.
Resident: Jeremy Holmes – 36 Lincoln Ave

CALL TO ORDER

6:00pm

Motion to Approve the November 12, 2013 Agenda motion with the correction from the posted agenda that read August meeting minutes should have read Sept.10th meeting minutes , motion by Val Daigle, 2nd by George Cornwall, vote to accept the printed agenda and to the corrections on the posted agenda, vote was unanimous.

Motion to accept the October 15, 2013 minutes by George Cornwall, 2nd by Val Daigle, vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Leo allowed the abutters (not on the agenda) their chance to speak on the banning of boats on the reservoir effective January 1, 2014. Peter Timms brought forward to the commission a petition signed with 128 signatures (non-verified). The petition states a few suggestions as alternatives to the ban of all boats. It speaks of exempt all 12 abutters rowboats, Inspection and stickers for all boats, signage along the reservoir and to appoint a committee to oversee the monitoring of these suggestions. The commission told Mr. Timms that they would take it under advisement.

Paul Maguire spoke as an abutter stating he was unaware such a vote was taken by the commission and that he agreed that more needs to be done to protect the drinking water supply and he agrees with Mr. Timms suggestions listed on the petition.

Other abutter's names unknown spoke on all the same suggestions to commissioners.

Leo stated to all the abutters and all those present that this was not a light decision that was made by the commission with a 4-1 vote in favor of the ban. He stated it was their responsibility to the water customers in Ashburnham and Winchendon to protect the only drink water supply to both towns. He stated that only the Quabbion reservoir which he visited and is staffed and funded through the MASS DCR allows boating on their reservoir.

George Cornwall stated that he was the one vote against the ban and asked the commission for the opportunity to discuss further the alternative options at the next November 12, 2013 meeting. Leo agreed to allow further discussion on the ban at the next meeting as a line item agenda.

Leo met with Frank's the one landscaping to go over the maintenance of the filtration plant and the causeway brush clearing to obtain a bid. This work has been done by the DPW and should be subbed out to share this cost with Winchendon. Veolia stated that within their contract it is their duties to maintain the grass areas around the filtration plant. Leo will readdress the bid with Frank's the one landscaping to be just the causeway clearing.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion on the bond debt collection at Far Hills association. Val suggested that it be brought up to town counsel for their interruption of the contract's language to see if we are able to collect more than one bond debt for an association.

Leo told the commission that Randy Brown was leaving Tighe & Bond to take another position as a DPW director.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

There was discussion on the flushing of the hydrants. The commission is asking for the water to flush all hydrants 2x per year. George Cornwall wanted to thank Jim Zarozinski on a job well done on the painting of the hydrants. All of the commissioners agreed that they all looked great

NEXT MEETING

November 12, 2013 @ 6:00pm

ADJOURN

Motion by: Charlie Packard, 2nd by George Cornwall, vote was unanimous. 7:26pm

Respectfully Submitted by *Mary Calandrella*