

WATER-SEWER COMMISSION MEETING
February 11, 2014

Present: Leo Collette, Val Daigle, Charlie Packard, George Cornwall, Dave Berger, Steve Nims, Doug Briggs and Mary Calandrella
Residents: Paul & Terri Maguire, Bob & Mary Jo Fitchel and Peter Timms

CALL TO ORDER

6:00pm

Motion to Approve the February 11, 2014 Agenda motion by George Cornwall, 2nd by Charlie Packard, vote was unanimous.

Motion to accept the January 14, 2014 minutes by Val Daigle, 2nd by George Cornwall, vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

-Leo asked the commission to go out of order on the agenda to discuss the boating ban. Several residents from reservoir were in attendance. Charlie stated that no discussion can be made on the boating ban topic as it is not correct on the agenda. It stated on the agenda as an item listed only Boating Ban, Charlie stated that it should be reworded before any discussion can be made. Leo asked to place on March agenda and listed/worded as "Reconsider boating ban vote taken on July 17, 2014". Mary will place on March's agenda as such.

-Leo asked Doug Briggs why it is that we need the proposed increase on the sewer rate. He stated to the commission that there is a shortfall due to previous use of funds and not enough current revenue being generated to cover current costs (i.e. sewer OT mandated) . George Cornwall made a Motion to approve a sewer rate increase from \$ 10.50 per hundred cubic foot to \$ 11.50 per hundred cubic foot starting on the 3rd quarter February billing, discussion on the motion. Dave Berger made a motion to addendum the current motion to also state increase will be in affect for the life of the remaining sewer loan, 2nd by George Cornwall, vote to the addendum was unanimous. **Motion on the floor is, approve the sewer rate increase from \$ 10.50 per hundred cubic ft to \$ 11.50 per hundred cubic ft to be in affect for the life of the remaining sewer loan, 2nd George Cornwall, vote was unanimous 5-0.**

- Far Hill bond debt- Doug talked to town counsel and she forgot about our request to look into the agreement with Far Hills and the town. She will look and see if there is any wordage indicating why there is only one \$32.00 charge for entire association.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Leo provided the commission with the current lake levels being only at – 6 inches. He stated that recent data shows Ashburnham daily is down quite a bit from previous months. Steve told the commission this is due to the repair of a large water break which was located on Memorial Drive.

NEXT MEETING

March 11, 2014 @ 6:00pm

ADJOURN

Motion by: Val Daigle, 2nd by George Cornwall, vote was unanimous. 6:57pm

Respectfully Submitted by: *Mary Calandrella*