

WATER-SEWER COMMISSION MEETING
April 11, 2017

Present: Leo Collette, Dave Berger, Val Daigle, George Cornwall, Charlie Packard,
Steve Nims, Julie Dean

CALL TO ORDER 6:01 p.m.

Motion by George Cornwall, 2nd by Charlie Packard to approve the April 11, 2017 Agenda, vote was unanimous. Motion by Leo Collette, 2nd by Charlie Packard, to approve the February 14, 2017 minutes, vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

George spoke about studies done regarding fluoride causing health issues relating to the heart, cancer risks and cognitive issues. Val stated that fluoride is in the Bromine and Iodine families which have an effect on the thyroid. George presented a list of towns in Massachusetts that have fluoride in their public water system. A survey will be conducted using 6 towns with populations that are close to the population in Ashburnham to find out if they still have fluoride in their water and whether they are considering eliminating fluoride in their water.

OLD BUSINESS

Val called Peter Valenski of Oakson but did not receive a return call. Steve will reach out to Peter for an updated regarding Oakson system progress.

OTHER BUSINESS

Steve informed the board that John Esposito contacted the office today regarding Bray Avenue development. Mr. Esposito is requesting that the Water & Sewer connection fees be returned to him because the property sold. It was discussed that proof that the property was sold would have to be made and that Steve would inform Heather Budrewicz regarding this issue so that she could get in touch with Town Counsel.

Steve updated the board regarding high I&I levels at the pump station are being dealt with due to all the rain.

Steve updated the board that Tighe & Bond have done borings on Sherbert Road in preparation for new water line installation. Borings will be paid from the water fund and the rest of this project will be paid through USDA grant. This project is in the beginning stages and still needs to be voted on. New line will be installed down left side of Sherbert Road and old line will be left which is on the right side of Lake Road and Sherbert Road. New line will be installed along road and not go into woods.

Leo spoke about lake levels, how both towns have responded well to the water ban and that the spillway is up 2.0.

NEXT MEETING

Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2017 6 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion by: Leo Collette, 2nd by Val Daigle, vote was unanimous. 6:51 p.m.