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Water Department Minutes **Tuesday, February 10, 2015**

Approved: February 24, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan Conant at 6:00pm.
Members present: Bob Gamache and Mark Cullen
In attendance: Fire Chief Brian Rich
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall, 511 Main Street, lower level

Dawn Goldthwaite – Discussion on Water Storage Tank Location

Ms. Goldthwaite and two family members were in attendance at the request of the Board of Water Commissioners to discuss the possibility of the town acquiring 2 acres of her property for the siting of a water storage tank. The Water Department has been looking at alternatives to replacing the 50+ year old hydro-pneumatic station on Pond Street ever since it began to have issues. The Board hired the engineering firm of Tighe & Bond who investigated potential areas to place a tank that will meet the needs of the department. The Water Department owns property off Pond Street at the top of Chaney Hill; however, it is neither large enough nor steep enough for a gravity fed tank. The height of the proposed tank would be 95 feet and Ms. Goldthwaite mentioned that aesthetically that could be a concern. Ms. Goldthwaite will talk with members of her family and return to the February 24th meeting for an additional discussion.

Discussion on Water Storage Tank Funding - Ron Mikol – Finance Committee

Ron was asked to attend the meeting to discuss the option(s) for funding the proposed infrastructure improvements. Ron asked what the Department has spent thus far on engineering. Mark said, \$15,800 from the \$70,000 allocated+. It was decided that the Board, after due diligence, will present one option at the Annual Town Meeting. Members questioned how they will pay for the increase in operating costs until the affordable housing/MUD district is built. Ron suggested that an additional amount could be built into the amount borrowed to cover those expenses for a set amount of time. After the discussion, the Board asked the Secretary to draft an article as a placeholder, set up a meeting on February 25th with the Board of Selectmen and another for the Finance Committee on March 2nd.

Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2014

Mark made a motion to approve the minutes, as submitted, from the December 16th meeting. Bob 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously.

Review and Sign Bills

Invoices were reviewed and signed by the Board.



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Review and Sign Payroll

The Secretary's and Water Employee's payroll slips were signed.

Review Breakdown of Finances for FY2015

The Board reviewed the fiscal year 2015 financial report.

Update on Money Owed to the Water Department

Invoices with interest will be mailed this week to those accounts that are past due. Currently \$4,847.44 is owed.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

None

Bob made a motion to close the meeting at 7:45pm. Mark 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Water Department