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**Water Department Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

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Members present: Bryan Conant, Mark Cullen and Bob Gamache  
Also in attendance: Jeff Faulkner and Tom Mahanna from Tighe and Bond  
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall, 511 Main Street upper level . 6:30 p.m.

**Public Information Meeting – Water Project**

Bryan opened the meeting and introduced Jeff Faulkner from Tighe and Bond, the department's engineering company for the water project.

Jeff Faulkner went through the power point presentation giving an overview of the system, condition of the hydro-pneumatic tanks on Pond Street, the proposed project, benefits, cost, and funding. He then asked for questions/statements:

- 1) What is the difference in elevation between the MUD district and Lowell Street?  
Tom Mahanna responded that they are about the same.
- 2) Will the aesthetics of the storage tank prevent the parcel from being developed?  
Ken Leva responded that it would not because of the proposed placement of the tank. There are also benefits to developers having town water at the site. This was an issue years ago when the cost of bringing water to the site became cost prohibitive for developers.
- 3) Where are you getting a million dollars a mile for pipe? The cost comes from current costs and the fact that the town must work within prevailing wages.
- 4) Will you be expanding the system? We hope so but no expansion will happen without this project. New buildings will need to have working sprinkler systems and follow current fire code regulations. Alan Chaney spoke as a member of the Affordable Housing Committee saying that there are plans for an additional 100 housing/business units and all three sites will need adequate water.
- 5) Ken explained that the taxpayer cost of 46 cents per thousand (on the slide) will most likely be less (more like 33 cents per thousand) because the Board of Selectmen plans on assessing betterments to those residences that have the water line in front of their property.

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Information session ended at 7:10pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
Secretary, Dunstable Water Department