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Members Present: Karl Huber, Chair

Mark Cullen Scott Wilkins

Others Present: Tracey Hutton

Brian Rich Jeff Faulkner

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Huber.

Chief Rich alerted the Board that Dunstable Fire Department is in the process of planning a training burn. It is expected that less than 10,000 gallons of water will be used. The Chief will keep the Commissioners apprised of more details as they become available.

Ms. Hutton started the meeting emphasizing that we, in the coming weeks, need to decide what project the Commission would like to put forward, where the project location will be and how much it is going to impact the taxpayers.

Mr. Faulkner explained that if the hydropneumatic tanks are placed in the MUD this would be at least at par with our current system. In fact, it should be sufficient to provide water to the proposed Housing project and the Public Safety Building. This would enable the Town to discontinue Pond Street. 711 Main Street and some of the pipe will still need to be evaluated and upgraded.

The line from Pond Street to the Post Office does not have to be upgraded to accommodate new development. It would, however need to be upgraded to provide fire protection.

It is important to note that fire protection code compliance is the responsibility of the developer for both the MUD housing development and the public safety building. Cisterns have been contemplated for the MUD housing.

The Commission discussed with Mr. Faulkner the reason why 711 Main Street would not be as desirable as the MUD. First, there is a major access issue and the access point would take substantial upgrades to support tank development. Next, it puts everything in one place, which is less than ideal. And Finally, Mr. Huber brought up a mixology issue that the system has when regulating pH. Mr. Faulkner said he would like to look into this further to assure the situation would be improved in the MUD.

That being said it was agreed that it is feasible to put the tanks in the MUD along with the associated 25'x35' building. The infrastructure would be placed behind the development and screened.

Mr. Cullen made a motion that the MUD site would be utilized based on the engineer advice from Tighe & Bond and take the Pond Street tanks off line. Seconded by Mr. Wilkins. Unanimous.

Talk them moved to 711 Main Street and the upgrades that would still be required at the well site; including the power lines.

Mr. Wilkins made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Cullen. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Hutton