**Capital Projects Committee – Municipal Water**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, June 22, 2015**

*Location:* Timothy Smith Room

*Present:* John Knight, Selectman, Fred Guidi, Finance Committee,

*Also Attending:* Neil Andres, DPW Superintendent, Jacqueline Beebe, Assistant Town Administrator, Amee Eckman, Finance Committee, Joe Bianchi, Joe Mistretta, Patrick O’Connell and Bud Mirkin

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM.

With the absence of Sheila Vanderhoef, John Knight was designated committee chair for the meeting

Ms. Beebe distributed copies of invoices from both Environmental Partners and Weston & Sampson. All of the invoices had been previously paid.

Ms. Beebe also handed out a list of upcoming events along with dates, times and locations. These events are related to the bid activities for contracts, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Ms. Beebe informed the chair that the BOS/Water Commissioners would be taking up the discussion of whether to bid out the engineering services for the next phase of the project. These discussions would begin at the July 20th meeting and commence with a vote at the Selectman’s meeting August 5th.

A lengthy discussion then ensued between the committee members and several others in attendance. Ms. Beebe explained that M.G.L Chapter 30B provides an exemption for engineering/design services. Others in attendance argued that despite the exemption, the current engineer has been working continuously on the town water project since 2009. In addition, questions were raised as to whether the project engineer should also assume the roles of project manager and construction administrator.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Guidi