

**Jackson Water Precinct Regular Meeting,
Bond Hearing and Public Hearing
March 8th, 2017
(Unofficial until approved)**

Attending: Stephanie Ensor, Scott Hayes, Bill Johnson, David Matesky, Karl Meyers, Burr Phillips, and Kevin Pratt.

Also Attending: Water Precinct Members and Richard Davee

The Water Precinct Regular Meeting began at 4:30P.M.

Checks were reviewed and signed.

Copies of the Tax Rate History, MS-636, Profit and Loss Budget, Commissioner's Report, Warrant and Budget were made available.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT – 2016

This past year was a productive and active year. Though state wide there has been a varying degree of drought conditions, our Ellis River Source continues to be a plentiful and high quality source. The Meserve Brook Area work continues at a slow pace with other, more pressing budget demands. We continue working cooperatively with the USFS in different capacities including obtaining a special use permit for property access and road upgrades for better access to our dam. The Meserve Brook Dam had been an active water source until 1976, and has been a back-up supply since. Acting as one of the two back up supplies for Jackson water precinct. Work is being planned for ensuing years for major restoration of our dam, and some portions of the pipeline. As part of the permitting process we encountered, an archeological study was required. A printed copy has been donated to

the library and historic society for public viewing.

Proper maintenance and operation to our filter plant continues to provide water quality exceeding National and State standards. Tank level control and telemetry equipment was replaced or serviced as needed in 2016. Plans are being made for early 2017 to replenish our limestone contactor, used to maintain the correct pH factor for our drinking water.

The system distribution planned maintenance was conducted with the improvements and the cemetery meter pit; replacement of a gate valve cluster and new fire hydrant installed on the corner of Carter Notch road and Main Street. While doing that work, a bad gate valve across the river was discovered and replaced. Unfortunately, we didn't expect the valve was bad, and it created a difficult situation. The above work was done in response to a failed hydrant isolation valve in January, 2016; annual maintenance items, such hydrant painting, flushing for better water quality and exercising the equipment. We have gotten onto scheduled replacement of 2 gate valves a year, but plan to accelerate replacements to four per year. Some emergency incidents in 2016 include a broken water main on Cottage Drive which was repaired; A break at the skating rink water service; and the hydrant isolation valve at the corner of Carter Notch. Assessment of our pipe line river crossings, and surface water intake. In this coming year, the intake will require gabion basket repairs.

At the 2017 budget and annual water precinct meetings, The Commissioners will bring forward a bond proposal to the voters to install a new 2,000 foot water main along route 16, from Green Hill Road to Red Fox Pub. Currently, the fire hydrant in front of the Red Fox Pub on RT 16 is the dead-end of the system. The reason for this extension is to feed the village from both directions. This project will "loop" the water main, which is industry standard, and will serve us well given our aging distribution infrastructure. The majority of our underground water mains range in age from thirty-six to fifty (+) years old. As a result, we are seeing an increase in unanticipated and emergency maintenance activity. Final details are being settled to bring forward at the budget hearing and annual meeting.

We would like to thank all of the Jackson Water Precinct Members for the continued confidence and support you have shown this board. We understand the importance of maintaining our water supply quality. We welcome you to attend our monthly 10 AM

meeting held the first Wednesday of each month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Commissioners

Karl Meyers, Chairman

Kevin Pratt

The regular business meeting was closed at 4:55P.M.

The Bond Hearing was called to order by Moderator David Matesky at 5:00P.M.

The bond hearing concerns the following Article:

Article 2. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$688,900) for the purpose of financing the Route 16 water main extension project and all costs incidental and related thereto, Six Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$688,900) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Commissioners to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Commissioners to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (Recommended by Commissioners [and Budget Committee]).

Both Scott Hayes and Richard Davee of Wright-Pierce explained to the precinct members where the proposed Route 16 water distribution system improvements would take place, as well as why the improvements are needed.

One of the precinct members asked if the bond was going to be decided on at the meeting. It was explained that the bond hearing was for informational purposes. It is a chance for the

proposed project to be laid out to precinct members and for precinct members to ask questions before it goes to a vote at the Annual Meeting.

During the discussion, one of the precinct members asked if there were any alternate plans to make improvements should the bond fail. A couple of potential ideas were mentioned. They would require more research before anything official was brought to the members.

There was no other discussion. The bond will now go before precinct members at the Annual Meeting.

The Bond Hearing was closed at 5:35P.M.

The Budget hearing was called to order by Moderator Matesky at 6:00P.M.

Precinct members looked over the budget and noted there were no significant expected changes over the previous years. They had no questions on the budget.

Sara Clemons made the motion to accept the budget in entirety instead of going through it line by line.

Bill Paulmann seconded the motion.

The budget was accepted.

The Budget Hearing was closed at 6:15P.M.

The Annual Meeting will be held April 12th, 2017 at the Jackson Town Office Building, Jackson, NH at 5:00P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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