

MINUTES  
MILLIS DRINKING WATER COMMITTEE  
6/23/2016 7:00 pm  
ROOM 206 900 MAIN ST. MILLIS, MA 02054

ATTENDING:

JAMES MCCAFFREY  
KATHLEEN LANNON  
JAMES MCKAY  
CRAIG SCHULTZE  
CHARLES ASPINWALL

SUZANNE KENNEDY  
DAVID RUSSELL  
BILL COPITHORNE  
LISA HARDIN  
ERIC LAS  
MARY BETH SCHNEEWEIS

Mr. McCaffrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He stated that the plan for the evening was to discuss what we should include in an offer made to Exelon Energy for the sale of water. He asked Mr. Aspinwall to address the next steps in the process with Exelon and the Town of Medway.

Mr. Aspinwall reviewed the next steps as outlined in a list dated 6/23/16.

Mr. McCaffrey asked for comment about who we should contract with. His personal feeling was that we should contract with both Medway and Exelon. Mr. McKay concurred by pointing out that Medway's water may be more expensive than Millis' and that we need to be sure we have SCADA control of the system and control of a valve into Medway's system. Mrs. Lannon said we need information from Exelon about the location of the booster pump station. Ms. Kennedy made the committee aware of water quality issues Medway has experienced in the past. Mr. Schultze said that we should maintain control of the meter and valve and let Medway worry about other infrastructure maintenance.

Mr. Aspinwall related a desire of Exelon that we work on both infrastructure and financial planning at the same time. Mrs. Lannon said the we need to address the mitigation issues.

Mr. McCaffrey asked Mr. Russell to address rate issues. Mr. Russell said that upfront costs can be covered by a system development charge, then there would also be fees for usage – probably a special rate for this customer. The town can establish a rete for unused water within the reserved capacity requested by Exelon. He reiterated that this will be a unique customer for which you can develop unique rate charges.

Mr. McCaffrey said that the revenue derived from this project should benefit the water users. Mr. Aspinwall pointed out that taxation was used to purchase the property for wells 5 & 6.

Mr. McCaffrey inquired about a potential term of the contract; Mr. Russell said that twenty years was common. Ms. Kennedy said that the Medway PILOT agreement was for twenty years. The committee discussed the concept of a host community agreement- asking Exelon to pay something outside of the norm to the benefit of the community.

There was discussion about mitigation and how that can be linked to the town's stormwater projects.

Mr. Russell reported that he needed six weeks to generate some initial numbers. Therefore, the Committee set its next meeting for August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

At 8:30 PM Mr. Aspinwall made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. McCaffrey; vote 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Aspinwall.