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**MEETING OF THE ORLEANS
BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

October 21, 2009

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A meeting of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was held Wednesday, October 21, 2009 in the Nauset Room, Town Hall:

Those present were Kenneth McKusick,, Judith Bruce and Jimmy Dishner of the Board, associate members Leonard Short and Ken Rowell, Mark Carron, Board of Selectmen liaison, Lou Briganti, Water Superintendent. Absent were Ann Hodgkinson and Robert Rich of the Board.

Kenneth McKusick called the Board of Water Commissioners meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Due to a temporary staffing shortage in the Water Department, the minutes were not available for review. They will be sent by e-mail when available to be voted on at the next regular meeting on November 4, 2009.

WIND ENERGY

John Jannell was present to provide an update to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners regarding the municipal wind turbine project.

- Grant Program – The town will apply for a grant. The deadline for application is November 17, 2009.
- List of Questions – Weston & Sampson will be contracted to provide answers to the list of questions provided by Louis Briganti. MTC Choice grant money will be used for this.

John Jannell requested to be placed on the November 4, 2009 agenda. The Board requested a copy of the list of questions with preliminary answers for review prior to that meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Monthly Statistical Report
- Monthly Budget Report

OLD BUSINESS

DOUGLAS HUTTON

The Board received Town Counsel opinion regarding the tax lien placed in 2008 against the property owned by Mr. Hutton. The opinion stated that " a propert owner aggrieved by the imposition of the tax may, within three months after the tax has been sent, apply to the Water/Sewer Commission for an abatement, in accordance with GL Ch. 59, §59, and, if the petition is denied in whole or in part, he may appeal to the Appellate Tax Board.

A motion was made by Jimmy Dishner seconded by Judith Bruce to deny the

request of Mr. Hutton because more than three months has passed since the tax was sent, and it would appear that the Board no longer has the ability to abate any portion. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITMENTS/ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS

A motion was made by Leonard Short seconded by Judith Bruce to abate \$870.33 from added billing 2010-11 for repair services billed which should not have because it was the portion of the water service which is maintained by the Water Department and was not clearly marked on the work order. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

DISCONTINUE SERVICE #4280

A motion was made by Judith Bruce seconded by Jimmy Dishner to discontinue service #4280 as requested by the owner Peter Norgeot. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

TOTAL COLIFORM RULE

The Board asked that Lou Briganti prepare a power point presentation about the Total Coliform/Groundwater Rules for the Board of Selectmen in November with a recommendation to not supply bottled water to the residents of Orleans during a boil water emergency.

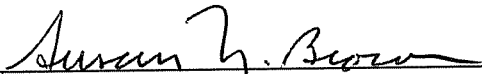
METER PITS

The Orleans Water department will prepare a letter for meter pit owners to inform them of their liability as a pit owner and inform them of the new meter pit monitors for detecting leaks. The Board suggested that the letter be placed as a bill insert to save money.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:55 p.m., a motion was made by Jimmy Dishner and seconded by Judith Bruce to adjourn the meeting. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners