

WATER DEPARTMENT MEETING

DATE: January 25, 2016

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TOWNSEND WATER DEPARTMENT
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WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 25, 2016 - 5:30 P.M.

Water Department 540 Main Street, Meeting Room

I. PRELIMINARIES:

1.1 Michael MacEachern (MM) called the meeting to order at 5:41 P.M. at 540 Main Street.

1.2 Roll call showed Members Present: Michael MacEachern (MM), Niles Busler (NB) and Nathan Mattila (NM).

Guests Present: John Hussey (JH), Joe Shank (JS), Kevin Smith (KS), Rodger Rapoza (RR), Nancy Rapoza (NR), James Blanchard (JB) and Paul Rafuse (PR)-Superintendent.

1.3 MM announced that the meeting is being tape recorded

1.4 Chairman's additions or deletions. None

II. APPOINTMENTS:

2.1 5:45 pm Joint meeting with the DPW committee. MM noted that the Board had just received a copy of the report that day and wished that the BOWC had time to read through it and discuss it before meeting with the DPW committee. Joe Shank expressed concern with the report recommendation. Joe had spoken with Melinda (DOR) at length and she told him that Townsend had been through this study three times before and was under the impression that she didn't feel it was the right way to go and it was not beneficial for the town. The report received was contradictive Joe would like an explanation as to why she had changed her mind. (JH) stated that Melinda had spoken to all three members at length and had not given him an indication of a decision prior to this report. He also stated that when the highway was built it was designed to be 30% bigger for growth. (JH) feels that all departments could be housed together except for maybe the cemetery. Moving forward he would like to see if this would save the town some money and "work smarter not harder".

(JS) asked Paul for his pros and cons. (PR) stated that he feels the separation of funds and union contract would become an issue and does not think this is right for the town at this time. (JB) asked about his concerns of cross training. Is everyone going to have to get their water licenses and their CDL'S? (MM) suggested that the board discuss the report and then revisit the issue again.

III. The Board signed the bills payable warrants.

IV. The DPW committee opened their meeting at 5:50 P.M. They conducted their opening business and approve their prior meeting minutes.

V. Adjournment. NM made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. NB seconded. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Boudreau, Office Administrator