



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Fire District No. 2
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Minutes of the Water Commissioner February 13, 2020

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Convened: 5:34 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:48 p.m.

Present: F. DeToma, K. Bedard, W. Holt, M. Aiken, and J. Carbin Bryan.

Minutes of January 30, 2020:

F. DeToma moved to accept the January 30, 2020.

K. Bedard motioned to accept the minutes of January 30, 2020.

W. Holt seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Warrants, Balances, Charts & Overdue Bills:

F. DeToma moved to accept the monthly warrant.

K. Bedard motioned to pay all bills if found to be correct.

W. Holt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The total amount of all Warrants is \$36,950.04. The motion passed unanimously

Previously signed:

Currently signed:

WC8E	\$4,763.35
PRwk31	\$6,789.75
OTwk31	\$182.32
PRwk32	\$6,789.75
OTwk32	\$35.77
PRwk33	\$6,789.75
OTwk33	\$-
AP02/12/20	\$11,599.35

North Pole Estates:

The Planning Board meeting will be held on March 9, 2020 at 6:45 P.M. At the Town Hall Auditorium.

Coliform Sampling Locations:

F. DeToma & M. Aiken met with M. Sullivan to discuss new locations that the department will be using for sampling. M. Aiken will need to inform DEP and M. Sullivan when the process begins. A license will need to be taken out for the town property sites.

Elmer Brook Pump Station:

M. Aiken has gotten a budget figure for the demolition of the building. The estimate should not exceed \$30,000.00. He will be calling three (3) local companies for bids for the project.

Water Filling Station:

M. Aiken spoke with the Prudential Committee on extending the turnaround for the Fire Trucks so Capones can pull in and fill their trucks (off the street). M. Sullivan was in agreement with this and Capones also has no issue with the new set up.

2020-2021 Budget:

M. Aiken informed the Water Commissioner's that, with the budget he has presented we are 2.2% higher than the previous year (without any pay raises). Our sampling cost will be rising due to new DEP rules, our retirement cost has increased, more money is needed for the yearly building fund and OPEB has also gone up. M. Aiken would like to start building on our savings (for projects that need to be done).

A discussion was had on how much of an increase we will need to meet the new budget.

Other Business:

- ISOTOPE study: this will determine where our water is coming from. Christine Hatch from UMASS, Amherst presented an opportunity for us, she would like to use her students to answer some of the SW-GW connection(s) questions for a group project. They will study existing reports and documents, propose data and can collect and evaluate throughout their semester and come up with some recommendations for further study based on what they find. They may even be able to collect some of the water samples proposed by David Boutt and conduct some of these analyses in house (if not by end of semester, soon thereafter) she will not request any funds from us (for all of their work).
- Department of Environmental Protection will be doing a sanitary survey here on March 11, 2020 any Commissioner may attend.
- There will be a Prudential Committee meeting on February 20, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

The next meeting of the Water Commissioners will be held-on February 27, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Carbin-Bryan
Administrative Assistant

