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MEETING MINUTES March 12, 2019

7:00 p.m. Donald Bosworth made a motion to open the meeting.
Seconded by Daniel Bosworth

Motion Passes

Present: Richard Clark, Chairman
Daniel O. Bosworth, Jr., Clerk
Donald A. Bosworth, Member
Keith Swanson, Superintendent
Kathleen O'Neil, Administrative Assistant

Also: Patrick O'Neale, Tata & Howard

Meeting Minutes

Daniel Bosworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 26, 2019, as written.
Second by Donald Bosworth.

Motion Passes

Charity Car Wash – 590 Monponsett Street

Keith received a request from Kelly McAndrews to allow water usage for a charity car wash to benefit diabetes. This event will take place in June. She will work with the landlord to reimburse him for the water usage. She'd like the water department to do a meter reading the day before and the day after the event so that she can get accurate water usage. Donny doesn't see a problem with it except that other people may get upset about a car wash being held during restricted water use times. Dick wants to make sure the water usage/billing is worked out in advance. He'd also like to make sure Ms. McAndrews understands that the Water Department has the right to cancel at any time. The Commissioners want to make sure no water is wasted.

Donald Bosworth made a motion to approve the request to allow a charity carwash at 590 Monponsett Street with the following conditions: 1. No waste 2. Set hours 3. Billing is worked out in advance between Ms. McAndrews and the property owner.

Seconded by Daniel Bosworth.

Motion Passes

Lead & Copper Testing

Keith informed the Commissioners that DEP granted a waiver of the requirement to perform second quarter lead and copper testing.

Finance Committee Meeting

Dick will likely not be able to attend because of a family commitment. Danny and Donny will likely attend. Keith said Pat O'Neale from Tata & Howard will attend and answer any questions the Committee may have.

Plant Assessments

The Commission reviewed the estimate from Tata & Howard. Pat O'Neale was in attendance and provided photos of the existing conditions and equipment at Richmond Park. He said basically everything needs to be replaced at Richmond Park and gave a rough estimate of 1-2 million dollars. He stated we could replace the existing 4,200-gallon tank with two smaller tanks or the same size tank once the roof is open during construction. Donny asked if we replace the roof now will it have to be damaged to do future work? Pat said it is unlikely. Don asked about Roberts warranties. Pat doesn't know off hand but will find out.

Keith asked if the existing building at the Y Camp will be part of the new plant. Pat said it could be used to house the chemical feed. Keith asked if the transducers are really needed. Pat said it helps with SCADA reporting and automation, but volumes can certainly be read visually. Keith said the new barrels will be easy to read. Donny asked if the transducers can be added later. Pat said yes. Pat agreed to remove the transducers from the estimate with will deduct \$25,000 from the total cost.

Pat said any money spent now on chemical feeds will not be wasted and could be incorporated into a new plant in the future. Keith is thinking the hypochlorite doesn't need to be replace since it was installed in 2008. Pat said its short money to replace them. Keith said to go ahead with getting new. Keith asked how long the plant will be down. Pat said he'd try to have no down time by using a temporary tank while the work is being done.

Dick asked how many contractors are needed to do the whole project. Pat said they would put it out under one contractor bid and then let the winning contractor hire whatever subcontractors are needed. The Town can opt to bid the 48 x 45-foot roof job separately.

Keith mentioned that if the Commission saves \$25,000 by not installing the transducers that they should really consider replacing the door. Pat added that another option is to add a recycle tank which will eliminate the need to obtain a discharge permit.

Keith asked Pat if any grants are available for this project. Pat said usually not given for construction. Grants tend to be given more for stormwater issues and studies.

Collections

Keith stated that the department is going through hell during collections right now. He said he'd like to enforce shut offs once a year versus twice. The Administrative Assistant spends countless hours working on this. Dick said he has no problem with that.


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Adjournment

8:15 p.m. Donald Bosworth made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Daniel Bosworth

Voted Unanimously

Approved,



NOTE: NEXT MEETING DATE IS APRIL 9, 2019