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MEETING MINUTES June 12, 2023

5:00 p.m. Daniel Bosworth made a motion to open the meeting.
Seconded by Richard Clark

Motion Passes

Present: Richard Clark, Chairman
Daniel O. Bosworth, Jr., Clerk
Bill Lindsay, Superintendent
Kathleen O'Neil, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Donald Bosworth, Commissioner

Meeting Minutes

Richard Clark made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 8, 2023, as written.
Second by Daniel Bosworth.

Motion Passes

Request for Abatement – 64 Ridge Road - Barresi

Ms. Ellen Barresi was in attendance. Ms. Barresi stated that her current water bill is over \$3,000. Her past bills have never been over \$185. She stated there has been no evidence of a leak and has no clue where all this water could have gone to. Two people live in the house. She can't fathom how two people could use 2,200 gallons of water a day. The Water Superintendent inspected her home and property and found nothing out of the ordinary.

The Commissioners reviewed the data log that shows water usage dating back to February 2023. It shows no sign of a continuous leak. Ms. Barresi really wants to know how this happened so she can make sure it never happens again. Dick offered to have her meter read monthly and report back to her with the usage. She agreed that this would be helpful.

Ms. Barresi respectfully asked again to receive an abatement. She asked how the Commissioners know that the meter didn't "glitch?" Dick offered to have her water meter removed and tested for accuracy at the factory. Ms. Barresi agreed. The meter will be removed and replaced on June 13th at 9 a.m. Ms. Barresi was advised not to pay her water bill until the meter testing results are received and the Commissioner make their decision. The Water Superintendent will be in touch.

Request for Abatement – 1 Pine Brook Drive - McGrath

Ms. Therese McGrath and Mr. Steven Butler were in attendance. The meter in this home was recently replaced due to outdated technology. Once the staff had access to the water meter, they were able to get an actual reading versus reading from the remote reader on the outside of the house.

Request for Abatement – 1 Pine Brook Drive - McGrath

It was then determined that the outside reader was not working properly. Dick explained the reading from the meter inside the house is 100% accurate. Usage for this home usually runs around 200,000 per billing cycle. Dick and Dan agreed to abate extraneous 500,000 gallons. Ms. McGrath accepted that.

Request for Abatement – 121 Ligan Street - McKenna

Homeowner, Annie McKenna failed to submit the proper written request for abatement prior to tonight's meeting and did not show up for tonight's meeting despite the request to be placed on the agenda.

Discussion – Water Quality Issues

Bill updated the Commissioners on water quality complaints. He has had several conversations and a meeting with Sean Nugent from DEP to discuss the issue. Well #4 was turned off on May 28th and the discolored water calls have subsided. The manganese levels have been tested twice. Results came back below the exceedance levels. DEP would like us to continue with monthly iron and manganese testing.

Dick said Richmond Park was originally designed to be a treatment plant. He suggested looking into making that happen during the treatment plant upgrade project.

Contract Signing

The Commissioners signed contracts for the following:

1. Univar - FY24 chemicals.
2. WES Construction for the water treatment plant upgrades.

These signed contracts will be given to the Board of Selectmen for their signatures.

Discussion – Staffing

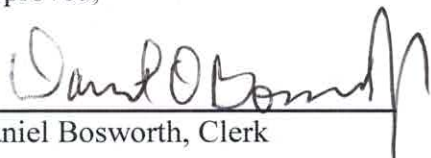
Dick questioned Bill on the status of the staff. Bill explained that one employee continues to be out on medical leave with no return date determined at this time. Another employee is expected to be out for a few weeks in July once his child is born. In order to keep the department staffed, another employee is trying to use his vacation time by taking long weekends versus taking a week at a time. This employee has many hours to use before his anniversary date in August.

Adjournment

6:12 p.m. Daniel Bosworth made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Richard Clark

Motion Passes

Approved,



Daniel Bosworth, Clerk