

Groveland Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting

December 16, 2019

Public Hearing on Rate Increase

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Attending: Jim Sheehan, Jeremy Lapon, Jake Greaney

Superintendent: Colin Stokes

Office Manager: Pat Rogers

Visitor: Bill Daley

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 by Chairman, Jim Sheehan. The minutes of November 18, 2019 were accepted by Jake Greaney seconded by Jim Sheehan. Jake and Jim were in favor. Jeremy was not in attendance for that meeting.

Jim Sheehan questioned where the money was coming from to pay the crew to plow for the town. Colin stated that it will come from the snow and ice fund.

Bill Daley attended the Board's meeting. The Board discussed how he would get the town's sewer to his project. He stated that he has not talked to Chesterton regarding their hooking up. Bill Daley did ask if he would have to do all the overlay for the streets? Jim Sheehan stated that he will require a definitive plan with drops, inverts etc and he felt there needs to be a 4% slope. A set of construction plans he will have to maintain the roads; the size of the equipment he is using where his going site elevations for each house. There needs to be a 12" to Center Street then go to an 8" from there. Colin Stokes will talk to National Grid regarding the easement on their property. Jim Sheehan suggested that Colin talk to Glenn Smith regarding this issue.

IMA – City of Haverhill

Jim Sheehan stated that he is still working this out with Bob Ward.

Rules and Regulations

Collin has compiled everything in one book and he will leave it in the office so the Commissioners can review it.

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#### Temporary Hydrant Fees

There was a brief discussion on what other towns charge for a temporary hydrant fee. Colin Stated that it varies from town to town. Jeremy stated that he knows of one town charging \$2300.00 Colin stated the for a 3" meter and backflow to replace would be \$4500.00 Jeremy motioned to raise the temporary hydrant fee to \$3,000.00, seconded by Jim Sheehan. All were in favor.

#### Additional Staff for the new building

We do have a job description and Denise will work on updating the job description. Georgetown pays their part time help \$17.00/hr limited to 19.5 hours no benefits. Colin Stokes would like to fund this position permanently. There was a discussion and the Board offered the as need basic to Pat Rogers once she retires if the new staff needs help or the staff needs to take a vacation.

#### **RATE INCREASE PUBLIC HEARING**

**The Board and staff went to the Great Room to have the public hearing for the rate increase. Chairman, Jim Sheehan explained on video the rate increases. There was no one in attendance. Jim Sheehan motioned to close the public hearing at 6:05 PM.**

**Once back at the regular meeting Jim Sheehan motioned to raise the water rates: Motioned to remove the discount on all tiers except the minimum rate. Increase water rates 10% in all areas to be applied to the April 2020 bill (reading begins December 18, 2019) with an additional 10% again in July 2020. Also make the Conservation rate unified with only one rate using the residential rate. The sewer rates will remain the same at this time. Seconded by Jake Greaney, all in favor.**

#### Easement on Mattingly old Property

The Board stated that we need to find out where it is and expand on it.

#### Billis Way

Colin Stokes, Superintendent informed the board that the developer has started clearing the lot and will be working all winter. They will have the utilities in the ground by January. They have given four acres to the town.

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#### 23 School Street update

Colin stated now that the reading for the January billing are done and backflow testing is completed Jamie and the crew will start working on the strapping and then the wiring can be completed.

#### Grant from MIA

Colin stated that he got a grant for \$7,800.00 for a utility trailer to move the trench box, trench shoring. Jim Sheehan stated that Colin did a great job.

#### Crew

Thomas Costa passed both this T1 and D1.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2020 at 5:15PM

Jake Greaney motioned to adjourn at 6:35 PM seconded by Jim Sheehan all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Rogers

The Groveland Water & Sewer Commission will hold a public meeting regarding:

**Fiscal 2020-21 Water and Sewer Rate Hearing  
December 16, 2019 at 6 PM  
Town Hall Meeting Room**

The meeting is being held to present and receive comments on water & sewer rates, which are proposed:

Remove the discount on all tiers EXCEPT the minimum rate.

Increase water rates 10% in all areas to be applied to the April 2020 bill (reading begins December 18, 2019) with an addition 10% again in July 2020. Also, make the Conservation rate unified with only one rate.

**Water Rates In April 2020**

Min. \$59.92 to \$65.91

1201+ \$5.47 to \$6.02

3000+ Conservation rate \$10.22 to \$11.24

**Water Rates In July 2020**

Min. \$65.91 to \$72.50

1201+ from \$6.02 to \$6.62

3000+ Conservation Rate: \$11.24 to \$12.36

The Sewer rates shall remain the same at this time.

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