

## Groveland Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting

May 2, 2016

Attending: Chairman, Jack Willett, Jim Sheehan, Richard Danforth

Superintendent: Tom Cusick Jr.

Office Manager: Pat Rogers

Visitors: Ryan Allgove, Environmental Engineering Mike Dempsey, Conservation Commission

The minutes of March 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were accepted by Richard Danforth seconded by Jim Sheehan all were in favor. The minutes of April 11, 2016 were accepted by Richard Danforth, seconded by Jim Sheehan, all were in favor.

### Well # 1 Cleaning

The contract was signed. They will be coming in within two weeks, 2nd or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May. The invoice will be done in July.

### The interceptor for School St

Tom reported that he has not gotten any plans from Bruce Adams, Weston and Sampson Inc.

### Pandora Drive

Mr. Baldini came into the office and still wants to move forward with the extension of the sewer. He felt that even if it was \$20,000.00 each, he would still like the option of moving forward. There was a lengthy discussion regarding how the department would pay for the interceptor, free cash, Special Revenue account, present sewer customers. The Board would like a letter sent to the residents of Pandora Drive. We have to get the numbers first.

The department will be having the rate increase hearing for water and sewer June 6, 2016 at 7PM.

The Board would to get the payment amount for the loan and interest from Denise, Finance Director. Tom will ask her for the schedule of the new bond. Also Tom will ask her about the procurement law regarding engineering.

Environmental Partners, Ryan Allgove sent the Board a proposal for engineering the price was for \$179,800.00 Ryan stated that he will be in charge of the project. The increase in the rates will cover the \$1,500,000 bond. Jack Willett would like Ryan to review the numbers and come back the department with something lower. Also there was a discussion regarding using ductile or PVC Ryan personally likes ductile. Also, the department could do an add-alternate but he two costs can't be bigger that the base project. Ryan will look into the bidding. He felt that it is do able this year in twelve weeks. The bids could go out late July – August accept the bid and start the project in October. Ryan felt that we could

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get Main Street done this year, the question was asked would be have to pay extra for remobilizing in the spring. Or the department could wait till next year. Tom will check with the Road Commissioner regarding the paving tomorrow. Ryan Allgove will look into the summer – fall and also sharpen his pencil. Police detail is extra. Ryan will get back to the Commissioners for the next meeting.

#### Truck Repair

Jack Willett questioned the bill for a mirror that was \$500.00 Tom explained that it was a trailer mirror that sticks out.

#### II Work

They are servicing the meters weekly.

#### Well #1

The motor sounds awful. The guy that put in the motor needs to align it. It keeps tripping. Tom is afraid it will burn out the VFD. It could be possibly be electrical. Tom does feel we should buy two VFD's. To replace the motor is \$2,000.00 There is a problem with the fault, Tom needs to test everything also the electrical.

#### Stocker Ave

The road has been cut, the digging will start tomorrow it will be completed in a couple of weeks.

#### Personnel Issue

Tom had a meeting with Denise and Matt and himself. Matt stated that he would like to wait till the fall. The discussion went well. As for Matt's job performance Tom thinks he is doing fine.

#### Governor's Road

No update

#### Rte. 97

Tom doesn't have a start date yet. Tom will look into this further.

Mike Dempsey attended the Board's meeting regarding the conservation restriction for Mattingly and Angelini's property. Mike attended a Selectmen's meeting on March 21 to sign off on the conservation restriction the Selectmen have a problem with it. Mike feels this is very important. Mike would like a representative from the department to go to the May 16<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's meeting with him. Jim Sheehan stated that he will attend.

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Gravel Permit

Mike Dempsey stated that he will call Dana to come to the meeting on June 6, 2016 at 4:30 PM with Bill Angelini and Bob Arakelian. Some of the questions would be where the wells are and what the truck are doing that are going in there.

Pat Rogers reported that she needs a knee replacement, no sure when this is going to happen but she will be out eight weeks.

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is when the Selectmen will be having the actual gravel permit hearing for renewal.

Rate Increase:

Jim Sheehan motioned to increase the water rates 15% on all tiers (minimum to Conservation rate) for Fiscal 2017 billing starting on October 2017 seconded by Richard Danforth all were in favor.

Richard Danforth motioned a 2% sewer rate increase for the all tiers of sewer for Fiscal 2017, starting on the October 2017 billing seconded by Jim Sheehan all were in favor

Customer Issues

David Prescott 135 King Street – Jim Sheehan motioned to lower the conservation rate to the second tier of \$4.61, seconded by Richard Danforth. Jim Sheehan and Richard Danforth voted yes and Jack Willett voted no.

Eric Harper requested an abatement for his property on 441 Main Street- The Board would like to review another billing cycle before an abatement would be given.

Jack Willett asked to be appointed for the next year as a water commissioner. Richard Danforth motioned to accept Jack Willett as a member for 1 year, Jim Sheehan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The next meeting will be June 6, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Rogers