

Groveland Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting

June 6, 2016

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

Superintendent: Tom Cusick Jr.

Office Manager: Pat Rogers

Visitors: Robert Arakelian, William Angelini, Tom Schaffer, Conservation Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 4:35PM

The discussion was regarding the Gravel Permit for the Groveland Water Department. The schedule for this removal is 5+ years. Mr. Angelini stated that they only done one section which is 300x300. Robert Arakelian stated that the stumps and debris have to be removed before moving to the next section.

At the meeting it was discussed with Bill Angelini that the Selectmen would rather have a five year plan. The stumps need to be removed and loam piles need to be moved. Bill stated that he is moving the loam. All equipment on the site such as the loader needs to have a spill kit. Bill stated that the test well are all still visible.

The following issues will be addressed by Robert Arakelian

- How many truck visited give a monthly average.
- Check on the barrels from the football fields, check the gate no one should be there before 6:30 AM -Bob will change the locks.

The following issue will be addressed by William Angelini

- Removal of all the stumps
- Spill kits for all equipment
- Insurance certificate for both Dana Warren (T.W. Excavating) and Mr. Angelini

TW Excavating has an engineer for the water table. Dana is going to his engineer for a written report, we should have it by next week. Tom Cusick offered to meet with him there if he had any questions.

Also, we need to have a file number, Bob has the measurements Tom will follow up on this.

Governor's Road

Bob reported that he has to wait till July till the bids go out for the rentals. He will only be doing the area from Seven Star Road to Balch Ave this year, starting at the culvert, next year he will do the rest. Bob and Tom will work together to put it out to bid. Yearly Bob does this for paving and this department can use his bid. The time frame for the Central Register is two weeks. The water will not start until August after the drainage is done. Bill Greene, from the Highway Department will run the machine for the water same as he did for Stocker Ave.

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Jack Willett motioned to accept the minutes of May 2, 2016, seconded by Richard Danforth. All in favor.

Reorganization of the Board

Jack Willett motioned to have Jim Sheehan as Chairman, Richard Danforth seconded the motion all were in favor. At this time Richard Danforth stated that he too would be moving out of town shortly.

Well #1

The cleaning was done the sampling was completed. Everything should be completed this week.

Colin Stokes

Tom Cusick, Superintendent stated that Colin would like to get comp-time for his travel time to go to school. Jack would like Tom to look into the liability of the crew using a vehicle to go to class. The Board agreed that there will be no comp-time for traveling to class. Colin Stokes now is a fill grade D-2.

Addendum to the Personal By-Law

Tom Cusick reported that he had spoken to Denise, Personnel Officer and she will back this and explain it to the Selectmen.

Weston & Sampson

There was a \$4,000 difference \$350,000 would adjust the betterments. Tom and Jim felt this would be the time to have this discussion to extend the sewer. Also with the new rates from Haverhill this would be a good time to explore more customers. There would have to be a change order with the Town on School St.

Pandora Drive

The Board would like Bruce Adams to come in and explain everything, and possibly the Town and the department could split the cost. A letter to the Selectmen regarding the \$325,000 split should be drafted to see how the Selectmen feel.

Staff

Matt Silva will out of work on June 13th he will be back the 1st week in July. Jack Willett wants him to have "return to work" wellness check. Tom will talk to Denise regarding this situation.

Jamie Kotuli and Colin Stokes are now fully licensed and will be getting a pay upgrade, all of these items have been approved by the Board. Tom will talk to Denise first all these items are in our budget.

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Part-Time Summer Help

This would to painting hydrants and data collections Denise is all set with the hiring. The painting of the hydrants could be done by Opportunity Workshop. They provide the transportation and there is no extra insurance needed. Tom would like to start them on side street first, Tom would give them vests, paint.

Jim Sheehan stated he would like some questions answer first, there are different degrees of disabilities, do they have more qualified workers, how many and the ratio of workers verse supervisors? These question need to be answered before we move forward. Tom will have them put together an action program first.

Also Tom proposed using the inmates to work on the wastewater station. Matt Silva brother works there. The Board felt that was a great idea. They would only be going the first two floors. Tom needs to meet with a Benjamin Moore representative first.

Richard Danforth motioned to accept the contract from Environmental Engineering for \$167,700.00 For Main Street to Gardner Street. Jim Sheehan seconded the motion.

Stocker Ave

Tom Cusick has certified payroll for the job, Denise reviewed it and this was an additional \$9,000 to this job. Jim Sheehan would like to meet with Denise regarding this.

Shut offs

Jim Sheehan motioned to have Pat Rogers, Office Manager to start the shut off procedure. Jack Willett seconded the motion, all were in favor.

II Work

They was just completed metering then they will finalize their report.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Water Rate Increase

Attending: Commissioners; Jack Willett, Richard Danforth, Jim Sheehan

Superintendent: Tom Cusick

Office Manager: Pat Rogers

Visitors: Richard Hodges from 35 Union Street, Charles Deschenes from 268 Main Street, Janet Nolan
204 Diane Circle

The hearing began at 6:30PM in the Great Room. Jack Willett explained the new rates that will go into effect as of June 6, 2016 – the first bill will be October 1, 2016

Dick Hodges stated that he had three items that he would like to bring to the attention of the Board

1. History of water in the 70's – problems with stokes, autism and his son now has to live in a group home.
2. Fluoride – He suggested that to save money we should stop fluoride
3. There was an issue with flushing a hydrant near his property which the department wiped out his side year. The department did apology and loam the area.

Charles Deschenes stated that he is totally against the rate increase all the house have problems with their water. He also brought a filter to the meeting and the department tried to go to his house and review the situation.

Janet Nolan – her question was why can't the people only get charged for the water they use instead of a minimum.

Candace who lives at Whitestone asked why the commercial is less that a residential rate.

After discussing these questions with the rate payers the Board voted.

Jim Sheehan motioned to raise the water rates 15% in all tiers and the sewer rates 2% in all tiers.

Richard Danforth seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Jim Sheehan motioned to adjourn the public hearing at 7PM seconded by Jack Willett all were in favor.