

Groveland Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting

August 15, 2016

Attending: Chairman, Jim Sheehan, Jack Willett

Superintendent: Tom Cusick Jr.

Office Manager: Pat Rogers

Visitors: Town Nurse, Anita Wright, Board of Health Member Douglas Gelina

The meeting was opened at 4:45 PM by Chairman, Sheehan.

The Board opened the discussion with the Health member by stating that the department has been getting calls regarding the quality of the water. There is iron and manganese in the well water and we do not filter. What we do is adjust the PH add chlorine and fluoride. The town is not mandated to chlorinate.

As for the fluoridation its totally up to the town's people if they want to stop fluoride then the people need to go to town meeting and the town ballot to stop the process. Doug would like to know how many people have called Lori, Administrative Assistant regarding these issues.

Tom Cusick, Superintendent explain where we get our fluoride, we do not use silicide. Tom stated that we cannot get domestic fluoride its coming from China but its FDA controlled. The cost to the department is \$5-\$7,000 per year. Tom stated that we could do a pro – con letter on fluoride updating the information or put it on the web site.

The biggest problem is that there is rusty water and now with today's technology - Facebook has a lot of influence. We do flush the hydrants twice a year which causes dirty water and we do make the customers aware of that. Fires area problem. This past week end there were two large fires which caused lots of dirty water. People are afraid of getting cancer from the water. Anita stated that she has documentation back to 1991. She also has cancer reports and there has been no uptake in cancer. Anita did have one person contact her and she spoke to him in length about this situation and also sent him all information she had and he was very happy. She will send them factual information that she has from the State. This information is from the MA Cancer Registry. Anita will also give all this information to the water department.

There was also a discussion regarding the shooting range. Douglas Gelina was concerned with the copper going into the land for the shooting range. Jim Sheehan asked if they had a private engineer he thought it would be a problem. There is a whole set of guidelines from DEP that should be followed.

Both Boards felt that a semi- annual meeting would be very helpful.

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Tom will talk to Denise, Finance Director regarding the protocol on using the reverse 911 system.

Tom will look into what the Fire and Police use for their web page. Tom felt that the fire department should be responsible for letting the general public know when there is a fire.

Letter to three customers regarding issue:

1. 4 Stonebridge Road – Tampering with the meter
2. Faidi – Salem Street – Water service with meter removed and never have been billed.
3. Danforth on R293 Center Street – Water bill for service that has never been paid.

Jim Sheehan stated that Pat Rogers can sign all the letters.

The minutes of July 18, 2016 were approved by Jack Willett, seconded by Jim Sheehan all were in favor.

Faidi – project on Salem Street There need to be a engineering review. Tom would like Ryan to approve the plans and have a stub off the road, Tom feels there is time to do this.

Addendum to the Personal by-law

Tom has spoken to Denise and she stated she will put something in writing for the department.

Interceptor on School St

The Board would like to have a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen, Tom will send an e-mail to Denise. Tom will also talk to Bruce Adams, Weston and Sampson Engineering regarding this.

School Street

He are replacing the drainage.

Pandora Drive – nothing yet.

Part time Help –nothing.

Personal

Matt Silva – Matt has been working here for 1 year and tom Cusick did his 1 year review. Tom stated that he feels he is going well and should go up to his next step. (\$19.64 to \$20.50) Tom is recommendation is to keep him as a full time employee. **Jack Willett motioned to raise and make Matt Silva a permanent employee - Jim Sheehan seconded all were in favor.**

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Water Restriction

Tom reported that we do have a water restriction by-law and its 10-12 hours per day. Tom reported that the highest month was June. Tom is not alarmed with the pumping rates and the hours pumped. He thought it might be wise to put in a 911 with an advisory on the awareness of water. Tom will send it out.

Stocker Ave – is done the estimated cost is \$15,000

Gardner St

Ryan has completed the surveying and boring. He would like to design the plan to keep the old main live. There is some ledge about 8feet deep this could be a cost saving measure. He thinks the project will be next year.

Il work ‘

Victor Olsen – wants to meet with Tom this week and go over the data. Tom will meet with him.

Governor's Road

Tom talked to Bob Arakelian, Road Commissioner he thinks the numbers with be good. Mike Alessi will be supplying the equipment and Billy will be running it. Tom's not sure what is going on and the time to do the work yet. Tom will get some confirmation and has the total cost of the job being \$110,000

RT97

No water work only drainage we have marked out the water lines.

On Going Project

They have put fabric on the hill and the paving is done. The water services are done. Tom will check this out.

Bagnall School – The hydrant meter need to be removed.

Tom reported that he had gone to a meeting with Greg Hadmen on lead and copper ruling on August 18, 2016. Tom stated that he believes that everything is fine.

Tom does have to follow up on “unaccounted water” from the DEP.

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Cell Tower

Tom Cusick was approached by T-Mobile to do a tower next to the tank. The Board would like to entertain him at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be September 19, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Rogers