Groveland Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting

August 28, 2017

Attending: Chairman, Jim Sheehan, John Gray

Superintendent: Tom Cusick

Office Manager: Pat Rogers

Visitors: Jay Ogden regarding Wood Street Extension of water

Betti Gorski and Kathy Prunier representing the Groveland Housing Authority requesting more of an allowance on those water and sewer bills.

Jim Sheehan opened the meeting at 4:30 PM. The minutes of July 31, 2017 were accepted by John Gray, seconded by Jim Sheehan, all were in favor.

Wood Street – Water extension

Jay Ogden requested that the water be extended on Wood Street to his property. The Board would like Mr. Ogden to extend it 200 feet more that his property line. Tom Cusick suggested waiving the system development fee for his house lot.

Amendment to the policy of voted on May 22 to read and be reactive to July 1, 2017

ANY DEMOLITION OR REDEVELOPMENT OF A PROPERTY WILL BE REQUIRED TO BRING THE EXISTING WATER SERVICE UP TO CURRENT STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. IF ADDITIONAL WATER SERVICES ARE NEEDED ALL FEES SHALL APPLY.

1" \$ 3,750.00

1.5" \$ 7,400.00

2" \$11,840.00

3" \$33,000.00

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Notes: 1. Tapping Fee shall be assessed in addition to System Development Fee.

2. 1" through 3" System Development Fees based on meter allowable flow range.

Service connections greater that 3" diameter shall be charged a system development fee equal to \$7,400 per 1,000 gpd of estimated peak daily flow. Peak daily flow factor for residential connections greater than 3" shall be 2.3 based on Groveland Water Department statistical records.

Personnel By-Law

Denise, Town personnel Officer stated that she has copies of other towns to be reviewed. She doesn't want to have an advisory board. Using a consultant or DOR or Mass Municipality.

DPW

Tom though that the Town could go through Merrimack Planning or have a Town Manager.

Paving

Governor's Road

That is due to be paved the second week in September. Gardner Street and Main Street – Tom Cusick received information from Environmental Partners dated August 16, 2017 – There is a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by the Chairman of the Board and the Road Commissioner. The retainage is 1%.

Jay Ogden – Wood Street

Attended the Board's meeting he would like to extend the water main 220' on Wood Street. There is a two house possibility on his side.

Tom would like a gate and hydrant at the end which should be 300' apart. Could be future development at the end of the street, we will have to work with the Planning Board. The pressure is good plenty of water there. There is \$15,000.00 worth the pipe.

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The Board would like the water run 520' giving three more customers. They will waiver the fees (system and tap) for one house and Mr. Ogden will end the water line at the property line up to Webster property line. Jay Ogden agreed. Jay Ogden wants to start as soon as possible. Jim Sheehan and John Gray agreed.

Groveland Housing Authority

Betti Gorski and Kathy Prunier from the Housing Authority attended the Board's meeting stating that there are up to 16 units running off of one meter and due to our billing procedure it becomes costly. Kathy suggested that they could drill their own well. Tom Cusick, Superintendent reminded her that there are State Law governing how many units can use a well without becoming a district.

Jim Sheehan brought to the attention of Betti and Kathy that there is problem with dirty water at this location and it is an internal problem. Joe (worked for Groveland Housing Authority) has not responded to Tom requests.

Something that the department could possible do is loop the line. The Groveland Housing Authority get the complaints. Betti and Kathy would like to copy on all correspondent. They explained that Joe is the boss and Tina and Jim work for him. Jim is the maintenance man.

Sanitary Survey

It will be October 1st Tom thinks we are looking good.

PLS Report (Public Labor Safety)

Tom submitted it Friday. He has not hear anything yet.

Tank Cleaning

It is complete there was 13-18" of sediment they took good pictures. There is a live video of Wood Street very little sediment 4-6" on the bottom. Tom felt that this needs to be in the budget every four years. Also to take samples of the paint.

Web Page

This is ready to launch there are links built in. DEP- EPA public education. The cancer information is not on there that could be any other link. The flushing will be a separate page.

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Contract from Haverhill

Tom stated that he doesn't have a draft yet and that we will stay with the old contract. Mr. Pauk gave Tom two numbers for budgeting the first number was \$25,000 first then \$39,350.00 then the bill came in at \$46,087.10 Tom wants an explanation and he will be meeting with him next week. Once Tom get the draft he will let the Board know. They want to increase it from 3-4% The Board feels that 4% is too high.

Meter Reading Equipment

The equipment is in. Merrimac Valley Planning will be able to Geo code the bills. They can read 80% of the town in less than one hour.

Douphette Easement

Extension of Sewer

Tom had a meeting with Bill Daley and he is looking to fill in the gravel pit on Salem Street. There is a small portion in zone 2. Doing light industrial maybe they could partner up with Chesterton. Tom thought we should have Chesterton come to a meeting.

Governor's Road

There is a property mark missing and needs to be replaced. Jim Sheehan wants to bill Mike Alessi for it he was doing the contracting work.

23 School Street

The Board discussed the footprint of the property. Jim needs space by space for the heating. The front of the building new to done over.

Billis subdivision

No updates

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Sidewalk work is getting done. Larry Kelly has not pressure tested the line yet.
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Rail Trail
No update
Liens
Nothing
Next meeting will be September 18, 2017.
Next meeting win be september 16, 2017.
Respectfully submitted,
Pat Rogers