

TOWN OF GROVELAND
Groveland Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting
September 16, 2019

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Attending: Jim Sheehan, Jeremy Lapon, Jake Greaney

Visitors: Deena and Steve DeHullo, Mike Dempsey

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM by Chairman, Jim Sheehan.

The minutes of September 9, 2019 were accepted by Jim Sheehan seconded by Jeremy Lapon all were in favor. Motion to accept the minutes of August 12, 2019 by Jim Sheehan seconded by Jake Greaney all were in favor.

DeHullo Builders

Colin Stokes, Superintendent stated that he had talked to Ryan, from Environmental Engineering and he point of view hasn't changed. It would be beneficial for even the house that could hook up later. The DeHullo feel that it would be too costly for them to do the 1488' it would cost the DeHullo \$123,000 without the overlay. They feel there is a hardship of \$73,000 The Board stated they would be willing to waive fees and donate pipe. The DeHullo stated that the Planning Board could do a waiver for all the houses and they will do wells. The DeHullo stated that it would be 18,000 to do a well. Steve and Deena stated they will review their plans and then we would meet again.

Mike Dempsey attended the Board's meeting and talked about the easement on Mattingly property for water and sewer and he went back in history and stated that the Center Street property formerly Angelini and Mattingly property. There is a water and sewer easement all spelled out. Mike also explained that the town already has to set aside eight acres for National Heritage. Mike stated that the bottom line is that the eight acres does not include the Bussing's property before the CR is complete we need to get advice from Town Council and then met with Denise the Selectmen and Natural Heritage. Also Mike suggested that we get in touch with Bruce Adams former Water and Sewer Commissioner. Bruce had written a letter and made a map. Mike stated that the easement should be at least 30 to 40' deep to pick up everything. Mike Dempsey will contact Denise regarding Town Council. Essex County green belt could do the filing.

City of Haverhill –

Jim Sheehan reported that he has a meeting this Wednesday to discuss the contract.

Water & Sewer bills were signed

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Rates

The Board discussed what suggestions regarding a rate increase one of the ideas would be to see the discount for just the minimum part of the bill. And also bring the commercial rate up to the residential rate for everyone. Pat Rogers, Office Manager would like to change the billing dates instead of July 1st possible move it to August and then the water and sewer bills would be staggered from the property tax bills.

Staffing for the office – Budget has \$12,000 for that position, Colin would like to wait till January to increase the per hour rate.

Superintendent's Report

Colin stated that Jamie Kotuli, worked over the week-end with Mike Alessi, East Coast Excavating to install a new pipe on Main Street for the new school project. It is now completed.

23 School Street

Windows need at purchase order form. Tomorrow the guy that will be installing the windows will be ordering the windows and doors.

Colin wanted to know if he could use the sewer station money for tools for the sewer station.

Horse Farm

Colin stated that they are turning the water on today.

New Employee –

Denise and Colin have agreed on a person to replace Colin position on the crew. They would like to recommend someone to the Selectmen on the 23rd so that the Selectmen can appoint him. This person works for a plumbing company and has mechanical abilities. If he accepts the position he will be on probation for six months

Eric Harper – Esty Park

Is still requesting an abatement for his hydrants, he has three hydrants and does not feel he should have to pay for them. The Superintendent told him to put them in and he feels that he could have put blow off valves in instead. The Board agreed that he has to pay for the three hydrants.

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Bill Daley and his consultant wants to meet with this Board to discuss the 40B project. Denise, Finance Director stated that we should have Town Council there. We will plan on this for the Board meeting of

Horse Farm

The building Inspector came in because there was a hold on the permit for a sprinkler system. The Fire Department will do that inspection and this department will do the backflow inspection.

We will have Town Council and Bill Daley at our next meeting on October 7, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Rogers