

Groveland Water & Sewer Commissioners' Approved Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2021

Attending: Chairman Jim Sheehan, Commissioner Jon Carl Bellinger, and Commissioner Jon Riopelle

Superintendent: Colin Stokes

Office Manager: Heather Torres

Chairman Jim Sheehan opened the meeting at 4:10pm.

Well Exploration Discussion/ DEP Updates

Colin to meet with DEP and EP to discuss future wells. DEP said we could try to sink a new well and keep same volume or increase volume. Brief discussion regarding water volume and PFAS levels at the three wells. PFAS levels were non-detect at the current test well site. However, it is close to the superfund site. The next option is to explore Strawberry Field. PFAS at Strawberry Field is unknown however, Strawberry Field is the safer choice based on plume moving towards the river. The preliminary work will cost approximately \$700,000+. Colin will ask Rebecca if we can use ARPA funds to pay for preliminary testing. Colin will also ask Ryan to put together a budget package to present to the BOS.

Lien Process for Outstanding Balances

Surrounding communities no longer do shut offs. They lien once a year. Brief discussion regarding implementing this process.

Commissioner Carl Bellinger made a motion to lien customers once a year for past due balances. Seconded by Commissioner Jon Riopelle. All were in favor.

Haverhill IMA

Brief discussion regarding Haverhill IMA. The bill for FY2020 was never sent to Groveland Water and Sewer Department. At fall town meeting, the Water and Sewer Department will request approval to use retained earnings to pay the FY2020 bill. Jim and Colin to meet with Bob Ward from Haverhill regarding bill and interest rate. Jim will set it up.

Sign Departmental Paperwork

Jim Sheehan signed payroll and ERP paperwork.

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Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Jim Sheehan made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from October 4, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Jon Riopelle. All were in favor.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Water and Sewer Board of Commissioners will be Monday, November 22, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Customer Correspondence

A customer asked if disabled Veterans were eligible for the senior water rate. The board stated disabled veterans are eligible for the senior water rate.

Chairman Jim Sheehan made a motion to extend the senior water rate to disabled Veterans. Seconded by Commissioner Carl Bellinger. All were in favor.

Another customer wrote an email to the board asking if customers who are on fixed incomes are eligible for the senior water rate. The board stated they are not eligible at this time.

Items not reasonably anticipated at the time of posting

Brief discussion regarding Maher cleaning and inspecting wells 3 and 4.

Chairman Jim Sheehan made a motion to dissolve the meeting at 5:30pm. Seconded by Commissioner Carl Bellinger. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Torres