

Minutes Approved June 8, 2015

**5/18/2015 Water/Wastewater Meeting Town Offices**

Present: Jim Jamele, Mary Lane , Karen Starr, Carol Smith, and Greg Chamberlin

5:04 pm Meeting called to order.

Jim was designated to take the minutes for this meeting.

The minutes of April 13, 2015 we moved, seconded and approved without change.

**Carol Smith gave her report.** The letter concerning Lucky Day was mailed to Aaron Fuller. The commission reviewed the connection application of Mr. Berte (Lucky Day) and approved the preliminary connection application and the final application. The prior concern over a bill due for a meter replacement was paid. Carol was paid her \$700.00 stipend for her work on the Water Project.

A discussion was had over our current finances. There are some major delinquencies (mostly the Northwood Properties). It is the commissions' understanding that George Cushing is looking into collections. It does appear that we have the funds to get us through the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2015.

**Discussion on Commissioners Increasing Workload.**

Discussion on responsibilities and delegation of the workload. Because of the work commitments of Jim and Karen, Mary has taken on the bulk of the workload. As we are paid a pittance for our drastically increasing work hours for the commission it is obvious that we are not being compensated enough for our work. This is even more a problem when considering Mary's workload. The commission has decided that we need to raise the pay of the commissioners and designate more money for the chair. This is also in light of the Select board giving themselves a substantial raise last year. The job has gotten too complicated and now we need to deal with the storm drain and phosphorus issues, creating much more work.

**Chief Operator Report.**

We discussed the walk through which is scheduled now for May 21, 2015 and the complaints that have been received concerning the landscaping. Greg is aware of the problems and will talk to the contractor during the walk through.

The system experienced a very expensive winter due to the cold. Expenses were approximately \$40,000.00 more than was expected. This was not unusual in the State of Vermont this year due to the bitter cold and freezing pipes. The Lucky Day driveway will cost approximately \$11,000.00 to repair.

Discussed storm drain issues and the phosphorus implications caused by the legislative rules and the possible impacts upon our system.

Discussed the checklist that Mary prepared, which the commission approved and sent to the select board. It was obvious to the commission that nothing has been done with the checklist as the other Town Agencies still are not in sync.

### **Meeting with Artichoke Design.**

The commission agrees to give a cautious ok to the Goddard Project with the understanding that Greg should be available to oversee any of the construction which effects our plant. Discussed and reviewed the Goddard Operating Manual and decided that there are Notice Requirements and contacts that need to be updated.

### **Meter Replacement Project**

Greg talked about the meters and the replacement has begun.

### **VT Alert**

It was decided that this was a good idea for notifications to the public. Greg and possibly Jim will sign up for the training course once the rest of the Town has signed on.

### **Minutes**

Karen brought up the issue of approving the minutes right after the meetings. It was decided that this would not work.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted.

James Jamele