

Plainfield Water/WasteWater Commission

Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2018

Present: Tim Phillips, Carol Smith, Greg Chamberlin, Mary Lane, Josh Pitts, Kathryn Spencer, Betsy Blackshaw

5:17 PM - Meeting called to order.

Agenda

Added Kathryn Spencer's request to give up an allocation to the agenda.

The discussion about shared wasteline was moved up in the agenda since Betsy Blackshaw was already present

Discuss Removing Allocation For 50 Harvey Hill

Kathryn Spencer owns 50 Harvey Hill. The property currently includes an apartment that Kathryn is not using. She wanted to give up the 2nd allotment on the property. The Commission explained the difficulty she may have getting that allotment back in the future. Kathryn understood and said she wanted to give the allotment up. Mary moved that Kathryn Spencer's 2nd allotment at 50 Harvey Hill would be relinquished at the end of May 2018. The motion was 2nd, Commission voted and the motion passed.

After Kathryn Spencer had departed, it was realized how much water she was using. She might actually find it more expensive to pay the overage charges than to have two allocations. Greg will call her about not giving up the allocation.

Jonte/Vilardi, Emery, Blackshaw shared waste line

Greg is still trying to find someone with technology to fix the pipe without tearing the street apart. Latest estimate is \$30,000. Greg still wants to camera the lines. The contact he had with Vermont Rural Water is busy. There was more discussion about the situation. A better solution - without knowing the cost - would be to excavate and lay the wastepipes out differently so there is not one passing through Betsy's basement. That could just be capped and left in place. The Commission provided the name of a local engineering firm that does this sort of work for Betsy to contact. Greg will follow up with a different firm whose name he has at the treatment plant.

Review/Approval Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes for 2018-04-16 were approved as edited

Minutes for 2018-04-26 were approved as drafted

Clerk's Financial Report

- Waste water bills are coming in. There are the same group of folks who are delinquent.

Asset Management Project Update

- Greg and Tristan are staking shut-off valves around town
- The valves on Hill Street are eluding detection. Carol sent an email to the Marshfield Town Clerk asking if they had any drawings showing the pipe layouts on Hill Street
- Greg expects to have some trouble finding valves along Brook Road and some on Hudson
- The rest of the town, Greg is comfortable they can locate the valves and stake them in time to keep the project moving on schedule

Gallison House damage repair

- Greg went through the hydrant flushing at the Gallison house and what he observed. The water release was equivalent to a hard night's rainfall and was directed away from the house. The Commission does not believe the failed foundation was due to Greg's controlled release of water. Buying the plywood to cover the hole was a good neighbor measure.

Chief Facility Operator's Report

- spring house roof rebuild is being done along with the asset management work.
- computer for SCADA system is coming back next month
- chlorination monitoring system should be back on-line shortly
- the monitoring system for the reservoir is mis-calibrated and showing the wrong depth of water
- the cellphone Greg has is working fine and does what he needs. A new case will be ordered for it.
- Greg will contact Marshall Stover to see if he can explain what is going on with billing in person.

Google Docs file sharing

For the next agenda of the Commission we will try using a shared Google document to establish it.

Other Business

None.

Sign And Approve Warrants

Approved Payroll and Payable Warrants from the following dates: 04/18, 4/20, 4/25, 4/27, 5/4, 5/7, 5/11. 5/18 in 2018

The date of the next monthly meeting is June 18th, 2018 at 5:15PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM

Submitted by Tim Phillips