

West Groton Water Supply District
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
January 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order @ 1:05 PM. The following were in attendance:

Bob Blood, Jason Kauppi, Josh West, Commissioners
Paul W. Curtin, General Manager
Dawn Priest, Treasurer

Review of the Monthly Minutes: The December 2024 Monthly Minutes were approved and accepted.

Review of Monthly Invoices/Treasurer's Report: The December 2024 invoices were approved and accepted.

Review of Profit & Loss Statement: The Profit & Loss Statement for 07/01/24 – 12/31/2024 was approved and accepted.

Report of the General Manager

Service Truck – Paul purchased a new seat for the truck. The electronics on the plow is not working but the plow itself is fine. The truck is a 2012 and the plow 2004. Bob asked about selling the current truck and plow and replacing it. We will get the plow fixed and start looking into new truck options.

Other Business

Rail Trail – Dawn spoke with Peter Cunningham regarding the rail trail extension that would run behind the office.

The status of the project is as follows:

- Squannacook Greenways (a non-profit) is handling the portion of the extension from Bertozzi to H&V and has secured a lease with the MBTA for that portion of the trail
- West Groton Rail Trail Committee is working to secure a lease with the MBTA from that point to the RR bridge
- A request for CPA funding has been submitted

Peter stated that this will be a long process, and we are a long way out until they get to engineering/design. At that point, we will be involved in the conversations and the planning process (as well as H&V). He said the process for the rail trail from Townsend to Bertozzi started in 2001 and was just recently completed.

Dawn explained to Peter that we want to be sure that expenses to restrict access across our property would be included in their budget, since DEP has told us we cannot have any vehicles parking back there, and didn't want to surprise the committee with it down the road. Peter mentioned that we installed a gate at Town Forest when that well was built. Dawn stated that we do not expect our rate payers to bear that expense. Peter indicated that our property would not be a point of access, and parking areas would be planned at Cutler and likely Town Forest. Dawn said regardless, people would utilize it and we would need to block off access

across the entirety of our property at the road. Peter acknowledged that people may not utilize only the designated parking areas.

Peter said there are a lot of environmental/endangered species issues that would need to be addressed as part of the process as well, which could take quite some time.

The next steps are as follows:

- Peter will be sure that we are included in the conversations once they get through the paperwork portion of the process and begin the engineering process.
- Dawn will contact Takashi to find out who the permitting would come from so we can send a letter requesting to be kept informed.

Brooks Lyman Land – Jason said Parcel B was purchased by Groton Conservation. There is a restriction in place on that parcel to protect WGW. Conservation is discussing putting a parking lot on that parcel, possibly in the restricted area. Dawn will reach out to request information.

Legal - Dawn shared that she has not heard back from the attorney yet. She is uncertain if we should find a new attorney due to time constraints and will attempt to reach out to him again. She will also begin looking into other municipal attorneys in case he is unavailable.

As there was no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Dearth
Clerk