

**West Groton Water Supply District**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting**  
**April 9, 2019**

Commissioner Blood opened the meeting @ 7:00 p.m. reading a statement that in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the meeting is open to the public and the public is welcome to attend; however, the purpose of the meeting is to efficiently conduct and stay focused on the business of the District. Individuals are not permitted to disrupt the meeting and should refrain from comment. Anyone wishing to comment must be recognized by the Chair. If anyone has a matter to discuss with the Board, they should notify the Clerk or Manager 4 days in advance of the meeting to be placed on the Agenda. The following persons were in attendance:

Robert Blood, Emmett Risdon, Douglas DeNatale, Commissioners  
Paul W. Curtin, General Manager

**Review of the Monthly Minutes:** The March 2019 Monthly Minutes were approved and accepted.

**Review of Monthly Invoices/Treasurer's Report:** The March 2019 invoices were approved and accepted.

**Review of Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet:** The Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for March 2019 were approved and accepted.

**Well Field Update:** The Commissioners discussed a summary of the Well Field Project to date, as follows:

*At a Special Meeting of the District on July 9, 2015, the District unanimously voted to appropriate \$1,500,000 to fund the Townsend Road Well Field Upgrade Project.*

*Funding was secured through the USDA, with a 40 year amortization. In going this route, the District was subject to meet certain requirements and approvals of the USDA. However, with the requirements continuously changing, the project was delayed significantly.*

*After consulting legal counsel, the District decided to obtain funding through an alternate avenue. After looking into options, and many discussions with our financial advisor, funding was obtained through a 15-year Bond Sale. This not only saved the District nearly \$350,000 in interest over the life of the loan, but it also eliminated 25 years of future annual debt service payments of more than \$600,000, and nearly \$900,000 in reserves (that had been a requirement for USDA funding). Additionally, the District now retains control over all of the project decisions, which has made the project move forward quicker and has shortened the timeline.*

*After a successful bond sale on November 5, 2018, we were able to move forward with executing the contract with our general contractor and completing the final planning necessary during pre-construction (both things that had been held up due to USDA funding requirements).*

*We are excited to report that we are now in the construction phase of the project, which commenced on April 1, 2019.*

Demolition is now underway, and concrete is being poured.

Paul will paint the interior of the building on Friday.

**Any Other Business:**

The Annual Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2019 were approved and accepted.

Online bill payments are up and running.

72A & 72B Hill Road have been removed from service as the property ownership is in limbo. This has been communicated and agreed to by the legal owners through their attorney.

As there was no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting @ 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn M. Priest  
Clerk/Treasurer