

West Groton Water Supply District
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
August 8, 2017

Commissioner Blood opened the meeting @ 7:02 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 E. Blood, Emmett B. Risdon, Douglas R. DeNatale, Commissioners
Paul W. Curtin, General Manager

Review of the Monthly Minutes: The July 2017 Monthly & Executive Minutes were approved and accepted.

Review of Monthly Invoices: The July 2017 invoices were approved and accepted.

Report of the Treasurer: The Treasurer's reports for July 2017 were approved and accepted.

Well Field: Maura Callahan of Callahan Consulting said FG Sullivan has completed the new wells and everything looks great. Sullivan will be back in the next few weeks to install the pitless adapters. Next year they will be back to abandon the old wells once the station is complete. The old main (laterals) will remain where they are and should not interfere with the new main, but can be cut out if it does. The new mains will be 6" into 8" pipe. There will be a hydrant at each well which will give the District the capability to isolate and test each well separately. Now that the wells are complete, the Commissioners would like to meet with Maura and Ali Parand of AP Associates to discuss the next phase of the well field upgrade with both of them present. Paul will ask them if they are able to attend the next Commissioners' meeting in September.

Generators: Paul called Power Systems Division to have the generators serviced. They have ordered parts required to service the generators. The service will be scheduled once the parts have come in.

Amelia Way Easement: Paul received a phone call from a lawyer who is handling the Amelia Way property (Lot 5 in particular). She was looking for a legal easement agreement for the water main that comes from Candace Lane and crosses over the Amelia Way properties. After some research, the conclusion is there was no "legal" easement granted back when the main was placed on the Amelia Way property. There was an agreement with the former owners (Bertozzi) who installed the main and approved by the District, but nothing was filed legally for the easement. The Commissioners suggested we contact Ray Lyons to see what legal action we should take, if any, to ensure what recourse we may have should any problem arise from this issue.

Any Other Business: -Leak Detection will be performed this fall.

-The Commissioners want to check on the path of the new Rail Trail to see if it will have any effect on the Water District.

-Diana (Treasurer) has informed the Commissioners that she and her husband have sold their house and will be moving mid-September. The Commissioners asked her to have a help wanted ad placed in the local papers as soon as possible to hire a replacement. Starting salary will be in the range of \$22-\$25/hour depending on experience. Diana will stay on best she can, but will have to work reduced hours and/or from home since the commute is too long for daily travel. The Commissioners said to ask Lisa if she can fill in the gaps with extra hours until a permanent replacement can be found and trained for the Treasurer's position.

-There is a well located on the Blood land. The Commissioners would like to determine if we have any ownership of the well located in the hay field on the Blood property. The District does own well #5 located closer to the treatment plant in the Town Forest.

- As there was no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting @ 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana M. Cole
Clerk/Treasurer