

West Groton Water Supply District
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
June 13, 2023

Meeting was called to order @ 6:00 p.m. The following were in attendance:

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

Review of the Monthly Minutes: The May 2023 Monthly Minutes were approved and accepted.

Review of Monthly Invoices/Treasurer's Report: The May 2023 invoices were approved and accepted.

Review of Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet: The Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for 7/01/22-05/31/23 were approved and accepted.

Report of the General Manager

Paul said hydrant flushing was done the week of May 22nd and went well. He was able to train Alex on how it was done. Two hydrants broke, and both were located in marshy swamps. Paul explained that the problem with a hydrant being located in that type of terrain is that the drain fills with ground water and eventually rots out. One of the broken hydrants has been repaired. The salesman from the company provided the required tools and parts, resulting in no cost to the district. The other hydrant is leaking (257 West Main) because it won't shut down all the way. There is no hydrant gate, so the main will need to be shut down to replace the hydrant. Jason asked if we should move the broken hydrant to a new location when it is replaced. Paul explained what that would involve. He said keeping the same location and adding a hydrant gate is the most logical.

Paul said he is working on a master plan book of hydrants.

A large area at the entrance to Fieldstone Drive was repaved. Paul shared that eleven gate box tops located in that section were rebuilt during the paving. Paul requested that they also rebuild three gate box tops on Townsend Road where it meets Fieldstone Drive, which they did at no cost with us providing the necessary parts.

Annie Wheeler, NE Territory Manager for Statewide Aquastore, stopped by today and discussed elevated tanks with Paul which is what we expect to build when we replace the Kemp Street tank. Paul shared printouts with the Commissioners from Statewide's website on elevated tanks. The Town of Reading is in the process of building one and one has been completed in the Town of Athol. Paul will contact their managers to see if he can stop by for a site visit.

Paul said the Groundwater Study has a couple of items left to complete. He reached out to Maura Callahan, consulting hydrologist, to plan to wrap this up. This will most likely happen this fall during the dry season and next spring during the wet season.

Alex passed his D2 license test last week. He now has all the required licenses that WGWS needs per the state. He will remain operator in training until a certain amount of time passes.

Paul and Dawn will be meet with Ivan Pagacik in regard to cell phone towers on June 15th.

Other Business

Dawn renewed a CD for 6 months at 4.5%.

Dawn spoke with Hugh McLaughlin of the Sargent Youth Foundation. He said that, at this time, they do not want to take on the liability for a third party to use the property in the Town Forest, or enter into a legal agreement with us as the organization granting a third party permission for use of the land. The Scouts have agreed that they will not use the Town Forest location for their camping trips anymore. If, in the future, SYF is willing to get the insurance necessary to cover that third party liability, they will reach out to us. Hugh asked if there is anything that WGW would like done to the former camping site, but the Commissioners agreed that it may be left as is.

Dawn shared that the S&P call went very well, and they are publishing their findings which she had an opportunity to review. We are maintaining a rating of “AA with a stable outlook”, which is excellent.

As there was no further business, a motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session, without returning to open session, at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Dearth

Clerk