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Town of Carver,

North Carver Water District Commission

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Meeting minutes for December 6, 2022, The North Carver Water District Commissioners met, today, at the Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room #4, 108 Main Street, Carver, Massachusetts. This meeting is also being videotaped and rebroadcast by Area 58 TV.

Attendees: Mike Palimeri, Chairman (via phone); Eric Mueller, Vice Chairman; Doug Ficks, Commissioner

Absent:

Also present:

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM, by Mr. Palimeri

Discussion:

- Rules and Regulations – Mr. Mueller – We will continue to review this over time.

Route 44 Development, Urban Renewal Plan:

Mr. Mueller – The Developer, Hillwood, has withdrawn from the agreement so everything is on hold.

Mr. Palimeri – I spoke to the Town Administrator and I know there is ongoing discussion but have no update. This takes away the water tower so the Town may need to take a look at that. The MOU was with Hillwood only. If someone else steps in the agreement will change.

Update from Small Water Systems Services:

SWSS was not in attendance tonight.

Mr. Palimeri – I was not aware they wouldn't be in attendance tonight. Last we spoke, everything was still on target to run the plant prior to the end of the year and hopefully go online by the end of the year.

- Backflow billing –

Mr. Palimeri – There has been some miscommunication. There was a gentlemen assigned by SWSS, Mike Woollum, who used to do things a certain way and the staff here was used to his way. He has been out with a work injury. I have reached out to SWSS. Mike used to bring the paperwork to Jill and she would submit it for processing; that has not been done in more than a year. In addition to all of the businesses in Town, 6 Green Street has a backflow. These are all due to a sprinkler system necessary to meet fire codes. The last bill that was given to the Town to test the backflow was back in 2021. I am not sure that we can go back and bill for those services. I will reach out to SWSS again this week and remind them that anything done needs paperwork submitted to Jill. Mr. Mueller – Is this SWSS or a contractor? Mr. Palimeri – There is a person in house at SWSS (Mike) that used to do it. We need to talk to the person doing it now. There is a fee charged for each backflow. Mr. Ficks – The state usually wants to see those test results. Mr. Palimeri – SWSS is the licensed operator, we are not. They should be keeping those records but I will look into that.

Mr. Mueller – I spoke with Kevin Forgue, re: backflow readers that have to be installed. Mr. Palimeri – Those are for the meters. Mr. Mueller - Kevin tried 3 times last week but has not heard back from them. Maybe SWSS should be reaching out to them to coordinate that. Mr. Palimeri – I will reach out to them tomorrow. The billing department said there was some issues with meter reading but that has all been addressed. Kevin is involved in this as this is for the Plymouth Street well issue; we were never involved in that project. We take over once water gets turned on. Mr. Mueller – We need to make sure that SWSS is at the next meeting.

Discussion:

- Bottled water refund request, 1 Braddock Way -

Mr. Mueller – We have received a request for reimbursement in the amount of \$47.28. Is there any issue with Doug and I signing or do you want to come into the Town Hall during the week? Mr. Palimeri – Jill may be able to answer that question.

*Motion to reimburse \$47.28, bottled water reimbursement from 6/2022, for 1 Braddock Way: Mr. Palimeri
Second: Mr. Ficks*

Discussion: Mr. Mueller – I will talk to Jill and see if Mike needs to come in and sign as well

Approved: Unanimous (3-0)

Repair / Replace various water meters -

Mr. Palimeri – There are a couple of meters that were reading astronomical amounts of water usage. You can have it read in gallons, gpm or cubic feet. The billing is done for Carver by another company; they were plugging in the wrong formula. That was corrected. There were other meters that had problems with access on the Santana Way project. I believe that has now been rectified. There are still radio transponders that need to be installed on Plymouth Street Extension meters. We need to have SWSS take care of that. Mr. Mueller – I think that was what Kevin was looking for. Mr. Palimeri – There was a supply chain delay on the transponders. They did slowly trickle in and were given over to SWSS but there are still properties that need them installed. I will follow up with SWSS.

Bills Payable:

*Motion to pay the bills in Batch #1 for SWSS, in the amount of \$6250.00: Mr. Mueller
Second: Mr. Ficks*

Discussion:

Approved: Unanimous (3-0)

*Motion to pay the bill in Batch #2, in the amount of \$ 6412.67: Mr. Mueller
Second: Mr. Ficks*

Discussion:

Approved: Unanimous (3-0)

Minutes: November 1, 2022:

*Motion to approve the minutes of November 1, 2022, as written: Mr. Ficks
Second: Mr. Mueller*

Discussion:

Approved: Unanimous (3-0)

Correspondence:

Mr. Palimeri – 1 Braddock Way – The resident is a senior citizen and receives the senior citizen's rate. She went to the Town Hall and spoke with Jill. She is on a fixed income and was unable to pay the bill. Her son has since found a water leak and fixed it. One or two billing cycles ago is where the leak occurred based on the usage numbers. I wanted to open it up for discussion for what we might be able to do. We have the ability to discuss and vote on waiving the demand fees; there are a couple attached to this address. I don't know what we can do with the spike in the bill(s). Based on our Rules & Regulations, the resident is responsible for repair. Mr. Ficks – I think we should discuss it when everyone is in person at a later date. Can you provide all of the paperwork on this so we can look at it? Mr. Palimeri – I will make copies and drop it off with Jill so you can review it. As of 11/11/2022 the total due (including demands) \$83.81.

Board Members Comments:

- Mr. Mueller –
- Mr. Palimeri –
- Mr. Ficks -

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be held on January 3, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman, 48-hours in advance of the posting of this agenda:

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:30 PM: Mr. Mueller

Second: Mr. Ficks

Approved: Unanimous (3-0)