



TOWN OF CARVER

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North Carver Water District Minutes February 18, 2015

Posted in Accordance with the Provisions of M. G. L. Chapter 30A, Section 20B, authorized person Jack Hunter.

The North Carver Water District Commissioners met on February 18, 2015 at the Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room #3, 108 Main Street, Carver, MA. The meeting was opened by Mr. Kevin Tracey at 4:37pm.

PRESENT: Kevin Tracey, Commissioner; Stephen Romano, Commissioner; William Sinclair, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT: Jack Hunter; Bruce Trumbull, SWSS; Mike Woollam, SWSS; Madeleine Pompei, Administrative Assistant

1. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION – None.

2. MINUTES: January 14, 2015– On a motion by Mr. Sinclair; seconded by Mr. Tracey the minutes of January 14, 2015 were approved unanimously as written.

3. BUDGET FY 15 AND FY 16

Mr. Tracey said there should be some adjustments made to the budget. There have been problems with the wells not drawing properly. He feels that fracking the wells should be done annually. Mr. Sinclair asked about the cost. Mr. Tracey said that the cost this year would come from unexpended legal funds. Mr. Romano said we had none but perhaps further down the road there may be some available. Mr. Tracey said that as of FY16 it should be a line item in the budget. Mr. Hunter stated that due to the fixes Mike Woollam made, the wells were pulling fine now. The budget still has some tweaks to be made but not to amounts. Mr. Romano stated the budget cannot be voted on tonight. Mr. Tracey said we need the numbers from Mr. Trumbull. Mr. Sinclair noted that the town took the truck without a vote. Mr. Tracey stated that if Mr. Trumbull was satisfied, we are fine. Mr. Romano asked if we had paid for the truck through June. Mr. Tracey said we have not yet paid for the truck. Perhaps the lease payment could go to fracking. Mr. Tracey said the DPW should pay a portion of the truck lease. Mr. Hunter stated he believed they would pay. Mr. Romano mentioned that Mr. Woollam showed up at the plant after one of the storms and it had not been plowed out. Mr. Hunter said that as of the last storm, that issue had been resolved.

MOTION: By Mr. Sinclair to authorize transfer of the truck

SECOND: By Mr. Romano

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Clearwell Expansion

Mr. Hunter said that Duxbury Construction was rejected and a certified letter was sent. As of this meeting date, no appeal had been filed. Mr. Romano stated that if an appeal was filed, we should countersue for attorney's fees etc. The town should not have to pay a penny. M.E. Smith wanted to withdraw their bid which was second in line. He told Mike Ohl he cannot do the job for what he originally bid. He proposed an alternative which was unacceptable. Mike Ohl informed them we may pull the bid bond. Mr. Romano asked how much that was. Mr. Hunter replied \$8,900. Mr. Romano stated that if they fight us, we will sue them for legal fees. Mr. Tracey said we need to get the castings going. Mr. Trumbull concurred.

MOTION: By Mr. Romano to reject M.E. Smith's counter proposal, further, if they withdraw their bid we pull the bid bond, and if they sue us, we countersue for all legal fees.

SECOND: By Mr. Sinclair

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Romano stated that Mr. Ohl should begin due diligence on the next contractor in line, Aqualine.

5. Water Operator's Report

Mike Woollam noted that there had been an issue with flow rates. He pulled apart everything he could to find the problem. The second tank had no level sensor. During backwashes, the membranes in the tank were exposed. Refilling the tanks there was a computer glitch that showed valves were an issue. Mr. Sinclair suggested it would be beneficial to add a sensor to the second tank. Mr. Trumbull said that would be cost prohibitive. Mr. Sinclair asked if we would just rely on sight. Mr. Woollam said it would be better if the sensor was in tank two. Mr. Sinclair asked if it would be feasible to shut down the plant and switch the tanks. Mr. Trumbull answered that moving the tanks is problematic due to the fittings etc. Mr. Woollam said that at one point, power went out for two hours. He called FM Generator but they will not come out in the rain and snow. The power did come back on and ran fine. He also said that plowing after the first storm was not good but since then it's been much better. Mr. Tracey said that as of FY16 fracking will be part of the annual maintenance budget. Mr. Trumbull stated that it was a good idea to do it on an annual basis. Mr. Woollam said it was roughly \$8,000 from McKinstree. Mr. Trumbull said he would get a complete set of numbers. Mr. Woollam said that the vent pipe that was previously leaking is now leaning at a 45 degree angle. The heat vents are leaking and ice dams have caused damage. He thought tabs could be used to stop the ice from sliding. Mr. Sinclair said the problem with that is that it holds back the ice dam which adds weight to the

roof. Mr. Tracey said there is money in the budget to take care of the problem. Mr. Sinclair said he would look into a more permanent solution. Mr. Trumbull stated that Decas was doing fine, they took water on Monday. Mr. Hunter stated that he had met with Indian Pond; they would like a place south of 44. They would need to draw one tanker a day for a while and if it works out they would try for a more permanent arrangement. Mr. Sinclair asked if there was going to be a problem with the DEP? It is his opinion that the cost to Indian Pond should be higher than what we sell in town for since they are an out of town business. Mr. Tracey said it would be more than the rate we charged Decas. Mr. Hunter said we might need a hearing to charge them a special rate. Mr. Romano said we need to start thinking about where to store more water. According to Mr. Hunter, the Town Administrator believes we should begin going about the permitting process. Mr. Trumbull said it is approximately a five year process to get new source approval. Mr. Hunter said Mr. Ohl said cost could be \$40,000. Mr. Hunter is going to speak with Mr. Milanoski about the process. Mr. Sinclair said Mr. Hunter should also speak with Mr. Ohl about coming in with a presentation about new sources etc. This is something that is going to have to be done down the road. Mr. Trumbull said that the issue with the number of meters at 96 North Main Street has been resolved. Mr. Hunter said the meeting with Honeydew Donuts went well. The water quality is not our fault. The owner will be submitting a payment plan with a check.

6. SWSS CONTRACT EXTENSION

The contract extension through 6/30/2015 is ready to be voted on. Mr. Tracey said the new contract for FY16 is needed as soon as possible in order to get it into the budget. He told Mr. Trumbull to make sure it was for two years, not including a truck.

MOTION: By Mr. Sinclair to approve the contract extension

SECOND: By Mr. Romano

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

7. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Hunter stated that the court never received a signed copy of the abatement so no vote was necessary. Late notices to customers are to go out on Friday. Mr. Sinclair asked for a year end interest and fee total. Mr. Sinclair stated that Solare America's solar panels were still covered in snow.

MOTION: By Mr. Sinclair to pay bills as presented on the Schedule of Department Bills Payable dated 2/25/15, in the amount of \$10,013.08.

SECOND: By Mr. Romano

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: By Mr. Romano to set the next meeting for March 16, 2015

SECOND: By Mr. Sinclair

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: By Mr. Sinclair to adjourn
SECOND: By Mr. Romano
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The North Carver Water District meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm on February 18, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Madeleine Pompei

Table of Documents

Exhibit A	Meeting Agenda – February 18, 2015
Exhibit B	Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2015
Exhibit C	Email from Mike Ohl re: Clearwell Expansion
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Exhibit F	Abatement
Exhibit G	Schedule of Bills Payable
Exhibit H	A/R Aging Summary