



TOWN OF CARVER

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North Carver Water District Minutes May 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 May 18, 2015 at the Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room #3, 108 Main Street, Carver, MA. The meeting was opened by Mr. Kevin Tracey at 5:08pm.

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

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

MOTION: by Mr. Romano to reorganize the Board

SECOND: by Mr. Sinclair

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: by Mr. Romano to nominate Mr. Tracy as chair

SECOND: by Mr. Sinclair

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss strategy with respect to litigation over contract dispute with Weston and Sampson

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to enter Executive Session

SECOND: by Mr. Romano

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Tracy asked for a roll call vote. All members approved.

The North Carver Water District Commissioners went into Executive Session at 5:10pm, May 18, 2015.

Returned to Open Session at 5:25pm, May 18, 2015

2. CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION - None

3. MINUTES: April 6, 2015– On a motion by Mr. Sinclair; seconded by Mr. Romano the minutes of April 6, 2015 were approved unanimously as written.

4. CLEARWELL EXPANSION

Mr. Mike Ohl joined the meeting via telephone. The pre-fab shop drawings meet approval. They have been authorized to manufacture, will take about three weeks. Due to be finished June 24 per the contract. Mr. Sinclair stated they are not going to make the deadline; three weeks to cure the concrete and one week construction. They will be running into the July 4th holiday. Mr. Ohl stated he was going to call them 5/18 to notify them NCWD would be collecting liquidated damages. Mr. Trumbull stated NCWD is getting into high flow season. The differential between winter and summer flow can be 20,000 gallons a day. Mr. Sinclair asked if we should notify the customers of a temporary water ban. He further stated we've gone up in users, last year the flow was bumped up but there was an issue with one of the wells. Mr. Trumbull stated that SWSS would like to use the down time to do all the necessary repairs. NCWD should notify Middleboro of the situation; Mr. Hunter stated he would take care of that. Mr. Romano stated he thought the plant could output 100,000 gallons per day but it seems to be significantly lower. Mr. Trumbull replied that storage is the issue, there is a shut-down at night because the tanks are full; cannot produce at that time. Once construction is complete that problem should be taken care of.

Mr. Trumbull stated the pump needs a new wet-end; expected cost \$2,000, \$1,000 to install. McKinstry will be here to backflush and clean, hoping to clear line of blockage at that time as well. Mr. Woollam believes issue is pipe related, not the pump. Mr. Sinclair asked if the pipe from the well to the plant had significant blockage problems. Mr. Trumbull stated that once Clearwell was complete, there would be water to flush the line. Rebuilding the pump with the new wet end would be helpful.

MOTION: by Mr. Romano to purchase a new wet end and charge it to the propane budget.

SECOND: by Mr. Sinclair

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Hunter stated he would contact Mr. Ohl to let him know NCWD is unwavering on time constraints. Mr. Tracy stated we should collect liquidated damages. Mr. Hunter stated there was a new application received for 183 Plymouth Street. Mr. Trumbull stated he had spoken with Mr. Hunter about the importance of using bonded contractors. Mr. Romano asked if the applicant paid for the pipes laid and if there was a choice of contractors. Mr. Hunter replied the

applicant was responsible and a list of contractors would be sent to him. Mr. Romano asked if steel pipe was used. Mr. Trumbull replied either copper or PVC would be used. Pipes would be placed below a four ft. frost line.

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair that approved contractors must carry a bond of \$5,000.

SECOND: by Mr. Romano

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Romano asked if any of the contractors currently carried that bond. Mr. Hunter replied no. Mr. Sinclair stated there was not a large cost with acquiring a bond of that size. Mr. Hunter brought up the last bullet point on Mr. Ohl's memo re: investigating system. Mr. Trumbull stated the ultimate goal is to have groundwater management. Mr. Romano asked about the McKinstry bill for \$8,000. Mr. Trumbull replied that was the updated figure and the Board had been informed prior to work being done. After work completed, well one shows marked improvement, well two saw some increase. The \$8,000 covered labor and equipment. Hoping the new wet head and back-flushing will increase the flow. He also commented that Solare has been good about locking up storage area. Mr. Woollam is keeping an eye on the property. Mr. Romano asked if NCWD would lose power once everything was installed. Mr. Trumbull answered that Eversource is demanding a new transformer to there would be a shut-down. Mr. Sinclair thought it would be about 8 hours. Mr. Romano asked if it could be done overnight. Mr. Hunter replied he would contact John Scorzone. Mr. Sinclair stated Eversource should be responsible if the interconnect had to be opened. Mr. Hunter stated he would see if it could be done during the Clearwell project. He would confirm that a shutdown was necessary and let them know they would be responsible for payment.

5. WATER OPERATOR'S REPORT: r. Trumbull stated the pump needs a new wet-end; expected cost \$2,000, \$1,000 to install. McKinstry will be here to backflush and clean, hoping to clear line of blockage at that time as well. Mr. Woollam believes issue is pipe related, not the pump. Mr. Sinclair asked if the pipe from the well to the plant had significant blockage problems. Mr. Trumbull stated that once Clearwell was complete, there would be water to flush the line. Rebuilding the pump with the new wet end would be helpful.

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6. GENERAL DISCUSSION

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to remove Wrightington Gas bills from the invoice due to a discrepancy over delivery charges.

SECOND: by Mr. Romano

APPROED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to pay the bills in the amended amount of \$15,653.91

SECOND: by Mr. Romano

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Hunter stated at this time Carver has the highest water rate by far in the Commonwealth. Mr. Romano thought we would bypass raising rates this year due to last year's increase. Mr. Tracy asked if the rate was holding people back. Mr. Sinclair stated we had actually added people on Church Street and The Dog Mall. There is also development on Plymouth Street. Mr. Hunter stated there would have to be a Public Hearing and that the Board could choose not to

raise rates at that time. Mr. Romano stated if they were not raisins rates, no meeting would have to be held.

MOTION: by Mr. Romano to keep rates as they are

SECOND: by Mr. Sinclair

Upon further discussion it was decided it would be prudent to hold a Public Hearing for due diligence sake.

MOTION: by Mr. Romano to withdraw his previous motion

SECOND: by Mr. Sinclair

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to hold a Public Meeting to discuss raising water rates according to pro forma on June 22, 2015 at 7:00pm.

SECOND: by Mr. Romano

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to adjourn

SECOND: By Mr. Romano

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The North Carver Water District meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm on May 18, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Madeleine Pompei

Table of Documents

Exhibit A	Meeting Agenda – May 18, 2015
Exhibit B	Meeting Minutes April 6, 2015
Exhibit C	Email from Mike Ohl May 18, 2015
Exhibit D	Donovan & Hatem Letter of May 11, 2015
Exhibit E	Eversource Letter of May 3, 2015
Exhibit F	MIIA email of April 9, 2015
Exhibit E	Schedule of Bills Payable