



TOWN OF CARVER

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North Carver Water District Minutes June 22, 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 June 22, 2015 at the Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room #1, 108 Main Street, Carver, MA. The meeting was opened by Mr. Kevin Tracey at 7:02pm.

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

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

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 7:04pm, June 22, 2015.

Returned to Open Session at 7:10pm, May 18, 2015

2. CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – Kevin and Linda Wrightington explained the issue with the billing from Wrightington Gas. Town accountant requested bills itemized with separate line items. The same price per gallon is being charged. Mr. Sinclair explained he was questioning what looked like an additional charge. He had no problem with itemization. Mr. Tracy explained Ms. LaMay may be tied to what the Department of Revenue is telling her to do.

3. MINUTES: May 18, 2015– On a motion by Mr. Sinclair; seconded by Mr. Romano the Executive Session minutes of May 18, 2015 were approved unanimously as written. On a motion by Mr.

Sinclair; seconded by Mr. Romano the Open Session minutes of May 18, 2015 were approved as written.

4. 7:15pm – PUBLIC HEARING – To provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on proposed changes to the North Carver Water District Rules and Regulations regarding a water rate increase from \$9.71 per thousand gallons to a maximum of \$10.25 per thousand gallons.

Mr. Tracy read the Public Hearing notice into the record. Mr. Sinclair spoke about the expansion being done, last year saw a substantial increase. Stated he would not mind having no increase this year. Mr. Romano stated the rate should be left alone, the amount owed to the Town is less this year. Mr. Tracy asked for public comment. Jean Govoni of 1 Braddock Way asked that there be no increase this year. She feels with the addition of new customers an increase should not be necessary. Mr. Tracy recognized that the comparative cost in the region is high. He is concerned a rise in rates at this time may drive new customers away. Ms. Govoni also mentioned she is having an issue with air in her pipes. Mr. Woollam stated he would have a look at that issue.

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to close the Public Hearing

SECOND: by Mr. Romano

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: by Mr. Romano to maintain water rates at \$9.71 per thousand gallons
For the next fiscal year.

SECOND: by Mr. Sinclair

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Proposed contract with SWSS effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017-discussion and possible vote.

Mr. Hunter stated the new contract was very similar to the prior one with the addition of some beneficial items. The packet presented this evening is a quote, not an executable contract. Mr. Tracey stated he would like to have the Town Administrator's blessing before signing the contract.

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to authorize the Chairman to sign the new contract with SWSS through 2017 with all information contained in the proposal.

SECOND: by Mr. Romano

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Proposed contract with FM Generator -- July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016—discussion and possible vote.

The generator has shut down twice within the last 12 months. Mr. Sinclair believes the issue is not a gas issue, per the supplier. Mr. Woollam stated that FM Generator was much less

expensive than Caterpillar. Mr. Hunter asked if Buildings and Grounds used them; Mr. Woollam replied they did. Mr. Sinclair stated he had dealt with FM a lot; they did a good job. He is not comfortable having no one under contract. Mr. Woollam contacted Mr. Trumbull via telephone. Mr. Trumbull felt FM should be given the opportunity to come and try to fix the issue. He reviewed the contract and felt there were no major changes. Mr. Sinclair stated he had an issue with #5a of the contract as worded. "All canceled contracts prior to the expiration of the term may be subject to a 25% processing fee based on the total value of the contract." Mr. Trumbull stated he could talk to them about that. Mr. Sinclair stated that per 5c they could be terminated for cause if they couldn't fix the issue. Mr. Trumbull said he could talk to FM about possibly extending the existing contract a couple of months. Mr. Tracey said it would be nice to buy a little time to see if they can get the issue fixed. Mr. Trumbull stated he would notify them of the construction dates.

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to authorize the Chair to sign an extension of the FM Generator contract for up to three months in order to allow them time to work out issues with the generator.

SECOND: by Mr. Romano

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CLEARWELL EXPANSION

Mr. Hunter stated the owner of ME Smith is not taking the "liquidated damages" threat very seriously. On a site visit it was discussed that what is in the ground is not what is on the plans. Norfolk Ram missed grading and gave incorrect information. There is not enough room to re-grade. Insulation will be used in order to prevent freezing. According to the schedule, the new tanks are due to be delivered June 29th. Mr. Ohl is skeptical. Everything should be up and running by July 6th; liquidated damages are \$5,000 per day. ME Smith is not following through on the contract guidelines.

8. WATER OPERATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Woollam stated the new wet end was due to be delivered 6/23. He felt he would know by later that day if the problem was in the line or if it was the pump. Mr. Woollam stated he was strongly recommending the District consider purchasing a tracer in order to mark exactly where all water pipes were located. NCWD would be responsible for any incorrectly marked pipes damaged during construction projects. Mr. Tracey authorized Mr. Woollam to purchase the tracer. Mr. Woollam stated it might be a good idea to start thinking about putting money aside to replace membranes on the tanks. They are guaranteed for 10 years. Mr. Romano asked how much was originally borrowed from the town. \$170,000. Mr. Tracey stated after all FY15 bills were paid, the Board could look at what they wished to do with excess funds.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

MOTION: by Mr. Romano to pay the bills in the amount of \$11,020.02

SECOND: by Mr. Sinclair

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Hunter brought up an article recently published about the Col Property and the allegations of “dumping” that had occurred at the site. Conservation, MA DEP, Planning, and the Town Administrator have all visited the site and have not seen any issues. Mr. Sinclair asked how many trips were made and what the approximate cost had been to the town. He felt strongly this information should be made public.

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to hold the next meeting July 7, 2015 at 5:00pm

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 8:36pm on June 22, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Madeleine Pompei

Table of Documents

Exhibit A	Meeting Agenda – June 22, 2015
Exhibit B	Meeting Minutes May 18, 2015
Exhibit C	Public Hearing Notice June 22, 2015
Exhibit D	SWSS contract quote
Exhibit E	FM Generator Contract
Exhibit F	Mike Ohl email June 5, 2015
Exhibit E	Richard Holland email May 21, 2015
Exhibit F	Schedule of Bills Payable June 22, 2015
Exhibit G	James Nauen email May 19, 2015
Exhibit H	UniBank Draft