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**NORTH CARVER WATER DISTRICT MINUTES/REVISED
JANUARY 11, 2016**

The North Carver Water District Commissioners met on January 11, 2016, at the Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room #3, 108 Main Street, Carver, Massachusetts. The meeting was opened by Mr. Kevin Tracey at 5:02 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Woollam, SWSS; John Wood, DPW; Marlene McCollem, Town Planner

1. Update on Electricity Charges and Credits.

Ms. McCollem is trying to understand what's going on. She thinks the rate of reimbursement is varying but seems to be lower than Solare. She wants to verify if this is true. Ms. McCollem suggests the purchase price is not covering the selling price. Mr. Tracy suggests they were supposed to go up. The October Eversource bill credits for both phases were \$1,000 less than paid for. Discussion continues regarding same between Ms. McCollem and Mr. Tracey. She suggests at some point Mr. Tracey will have to talk about what his options are. Mr. Tracey says he will.

Mr. Romano questions, the electricity not used is sold to the town hall, the library and the police department? Ms. McCollem says this is correct. He wants to know what they are buying at? She does not have a number but it is still less. He suggests buildings are gaining on our loss and that it is bad for us, but good for the town. Mr. Sinclair suggests, this is still bad for us. Solare is making out, all agree. Mr. Romano was just curious. Further discussion about same. Ms. McCollem needs to look into this further. Mr. Woollam suggests bigger pumps to ramp down and use less electricity. Ms. McCollem suggests before spending on anything, spending to save money, it should be talked about some more.

2. Decas Contract - requirement for 1-year notice to adjust terms

Ms. McCollem reads from Page 4, Section 8C, of the Decas Contract, including "one year notice". She suggests the deadline was September 3. We missed the deadline, says Mr. Sinclair. Ms. McCollem suggests giving them notice, when discussed, and make terms clearer. In March, she suggests, there is a need to talk to Decas. Changes regarding new changes should be discussed.

Mr. Romano says there is nothing in there about how we bill them. Ms. McCollem then refers to Page 3, Paragraph 6. There is further discussion regarding the Minimum Usage Requirement. Mr. Tracey suggests, if we don't meet minimum, we don't reach full price.

In the meantime, Ms. McCollem suggests, we should be thinking about changes. Mr. Tracy says if they agree to all now, it can be agreed to. Ms. McCollem agrees.

There is further discussion between Mr. Romano, Mr. Tracey and Ms. McCollem. For the record, Ms. McCollem is not suggesting any termination. She suggests a list with the terms be made up and she can get a copy for Mr. Romano.

Mr. Romano states he looked at water bills today and goes over some factors he has discovered, including that 40% are not meeting the minimum. He suggests there is one elderly and she is paying the minimum every quarter. It is below 1000 gallons.

There is further discussion about the LHB bill. Mr. Romano says it goes out every month for zero. Mr. Woollam says the unit is empty and it has been checked many times.

3. Water Operator's Report

Per Mr. Woollam, everything is going smoothly with the plant. The water usage has tapered off on weekends.

Mr. Romano inquires, how long should we wait, regarding M.E. Smith. Mr. Woollam states, he signed in August. He get's one month and after six months, we'll do it

Regarding the roof, he is also trying to get sealant for pipes.

Regarding the road, he states, in the spring, Bruce would like to re-grade. Mr. Wood says, sure, and he could patch it for the winter. Also, keep in mind, they could touch up and do big repair in spring.

There is discussion regarding the roof and that it has not leaked yet. (Sealing on vents and ridge cap.) That needs to be done, per Mr. Woollam.

Mr. Sinclair suggests, at next meeting, if it's not complete, send a letter that we will find someone else to do work if not done.

Mr. Woollam suggests 5 Green Street is ready today. It is hooked up. Mr. Romano asks about property on Braddock way. There is further discussion regarding the church in the area.

4. Minutes - December 14, 2015.

Mr. Tracey makes a motion to approve. Mr. Romano sees a mistake. Mr. Sinclair makes a motion to approve with correction. Mr. Romano seconds the motion.

5. Bills Payable

Ms. McCollem questions a bill that the state charges to all water districts. This does not look

familiar to Mr. Tracey. Ms. McCollem wonders whether it goes under the legal line. There is further discussion regarding whether they think they are billing a company. Ms. McCollem says, they know you are not a company. Mr. Romano suggests if it is not paid, you will be fined. Ms. McCollem needs to know how to characterize it and is Mr. Tracey okay with how she is paying. Is it a legal mandate, questions Ms. McCollem. Mr. Romano says, it's a tax. Discussion continues regarding same.

(Mr. Woollam and Mr. Romano step out briefly at 5:50 p.m. and return at 5:51 and 5:52, respectively.)

Mr. Sinclair made motion to approve payment for 1/11/2016, \$20,276.23. Motion seconded by Mr. Romano. Per Mr. Tracey, it is unanimous.

6. Correspondence 12/22/15 letter from USDA-Rural Development

Mr. Tracey has not seen this annual reporting requirement. Mr. Romano asks if we are part of the annual audit? Both Ms. McCollem and Mr. Tracey state, yes. Ms. McCollem is the designated contact person. Mr. Wood can be the backup. Mr. Tracey completes paperwork, along with Mr. Romano and Mr. Sinclair for Ms. McCollem.

7. Future Agenda Items

The electrical item, M.E. Smith, Decas, the Water charge commitment.

Mr. Sinclair asks Mr. Wood, can we move to DPW yet and Mr. Wood will go and look at. They are on on metal spools and it is Solare's item.

Mr. Sinclair motions to move the conduit left at the water treatment plant to the DPW storage facility. Mr. Woods will go over when he has a chance and determine the best equipment to use to move it. Mr. Romano seconds the motion. Mr. Tracey suggests, it is unanimous.

8. Next Meeting: February 8, 2016.

Mr. Sinclair motions to adjourn the meeting. It is seconded by Mr. Romano. The meeting is adjourned by Mr. Tracey at 6:06 p.m.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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NORTH CARVER WATER DISTRICT COMMISSION

Monday, January 11, 2016

5:00 PM

Carver Town Hall Room #3

AGENDA

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