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Town of Carver, North Carver Water District Commission

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Meeting minutes for **April 10, 2017**. The North Carver Water District Commissioners met, today, at the Carver Town Hall, meeting Room # 3, 108 Main Street, Carver, Massachusetts.

Attendees: Kevin Tracey, Chairman; William Sinclair, Commissioner;

Absent: Stephen Romano, Commissioner

Also present: Mr. Trumbull, Small Water Systems

Meeting called to order at 5:07 PM, by Mr. Tracey

Operator's Contract ends June 30,2017:

Mr. Trumbull– A copy of the contract sent today. Mr. Tracey – My fear is that we may have to do a procurement; I believe Mr. Milanoski is going to work on it, but he is not here tonight. Mr. Trumbull - Everything is CC'd to Mr. Tracey. Mr. Trumbull – I think she added 3 hours per day, but not sure of cost. Mr. Tracey – North Carver piece will probably stay pretty close or less than this year. Mr. Trumbull– Yes, I believe it will stay about the same. Mr. Tracey – I will touch base with Mr. Milanoski.

New Source and Middleboro:

Mr. Tracey – As Mr. Sinclair was not at the last meeting, we will need to update you a little. Mike Ohi gave us a breakdown of what it would cost to go through the new source approval process – examine wells, etc. Mr. Sinclair Is there a time frame? Mr. Tracey – No, no time frame. It is probably quicker and cleaner to create an interconnect

with Middleboro to cover us with any issues we may have. In the short term this is probably a better path. This is just an interim fix; we will continue to look for a new source. Mr. Ohl is not here to speak to this, but we need to talk about the wells. Mr. Tracey - Mr. Milanoski was supposed to touch base with Middleboro to discuss this. Middleboro is dealing with a split board right now; Joe Silva is on his way to retirement. The selectmen are the Water Commission in Middleboro. Mr. Sinclair – I suggest there be more pressure on the new source approval and put Middleboro on back burner. Middleboro shut us off before and I am not sure they would be able to help us with this. We are going to have to bond for money for this new source approval. This should have probably been started a long time ago. Mr. Tracey – we are up to \$60K without new well and application. We are probably talking about \$150K... Mr. Sinclair – I am not saying we shouldn't try with Middleboro, but we should focus on new source. Mr. Sinclair – We are using a 1/3 of our limit now; we are rated for 100K per day. The Urban Renewal will help with bond costs. Mr. Trumbull - If we could find a cleaner source, we could easily up the limits to 200K – 250K per day. Mr. Sinclair – The biggest cost is storage? Mr. Trumbull– not right now, the biggest cost is cleaning the water. Mr. Tracey – Let's see what the test wells have to offer? Draw some water and see the quality? Mr. Sinclair – Should we try to punch through? My suggestion would be to move forward on permitting; get the process moving forward. If you still want to move forward with Middleboro, we should, but keep going with the new source. Mr. Trumbull – maybe we can offer Middleboro a different rate to provide a certain number of gallons per day. Mr. Tracey – Water pressure needs to be reduced coming to us. This needs to be an automatic thing without needing a phone call to happen. Mr. Tracey – I will follow up with Mr. Milanoski.

Water Operator's Report:

Mr. Trumbull - Decas - 3 days per week 36,000 per day. We need to repair the sink hole by the fire hydrant and put a riser on. I suggest ¾ stone to fill. Municipal is up with DEP inspection with a f/u due to an issue. This was all sorted out. The only deficiency they want addressed is to fence in the entire building. I am not sure of the reason why. Cranberry village is going along as well as they can. No underground leak detection right now so they are using way too much water with all the leaks they have over there. The pit with the meter is owned by Cranberry Village. We looked after it and helped them out and now they think we own it. We have clarified that they own it. Well 1 at Cranberry is going to receive a new casing. Seasonal maintenance stuff will be starting. Mr. Tracey - Water main at the end of Green St is there and ready. Mr. Sinclair – Decas is still pulling water from us without a contract? Mr. Tracey – Yes, they are getting the discount rate. I would think they would have started tapering down by now. They may have problems with their well. Mr. Sinclair – How long do we continue before addressing this? Mr. Trumbull– They are still taking a lot of water. Mr. Sinclair – Yes, I think they have been good with us and are reliable; but we need to keep an eye on it. We should review at the next meeting. Maybe we need a new agreement. Mr. Tracey – Maybe when we are back to 100 % staff, we can set something up.

Indian Head – Outstanding balance of \$2,263.49

Mr. Tracey – Did we send a bill out this time around? Mr. Sinclair – Yes, I believe so. Let's see what happens when they get their invoice. Mr. Tracey – This is the time of year when he has no money coming in. Mr. Sinclair - We will keep an eye on this and follow up within a month or so. If necessary, we can ask Jill to send a letter to find out what is going on.

Commitment for January – March 2017 Bills:

January through March 2017 commitment is \$22,494.08. This includes residential at \$19,588.31 and DECAS for \$2905.77.

Motion to authorize commitment in the amount of \$22,494.08: Mr. Sinclair

Second: Mr. Tracey

Approved: Unanimous

Authorize pump test for existing test wells:

Motion to authorize pump test for existing wells: Mr. Sinclair

Second: Mr. Tracey

Approved: Unanimous

Mr. Tracey: Let's try to get this on this year's budget. I will send an email to Mr. Ohl and explain what we need and hope his schedule can accommodate us.

Mike Woollam to field locate:

Mr. Trumbull will follow up on it.

FY 18 Budget:

Mr. Tracey – I sent a request up to Meg for additional budget info; we only had the operational part of our budget. Meg provided me with a different version of our budget. What she's done is reduce our water usage charges (revenue from sales), \$122K down to \$117K per year, mostly due to DECAS scaling back. She indicated that the water use charges were not meeting expectations; however, she was wrong. The current revenue summary has us as exceeding. I think she was looking at betterments which have fallen behind and the federal revenue hasn't come in. We are actually on track to beat the 122K. I told her to leave it at \$122K and not reduce to \$117K. We have a water betterment stabilization fund; a piece of that belongs to this year's budget. I am proposing we take 1/35th of that and use it in this year's budget (about \$2100). I am not sure we can do this, but have asked. Mr. Sinclair – Do we know what our number actually is? Mr. Tracey – No, I believe Mr. Milanoski said he was level funding us plus 2.5%. Mr. Sinclair - We are submitting an unbalance budget. Mr. Tracey – Indirect costs are in there. Mr. Sinclair – I am frustrated that we can't get the accountant to come in and talk to us.

Minutes - March 13, 2017:

This was tabled as Mr. Sinclair was not here for this meeting.

Motion to table minutes from March 13, 2017: Mr. Sinclair

Second: Mr. Tracey

Approved: Unanimous

Bills Payable:

Mr. Tracey - I don't think SWS was divided up the right way. We are usually around \$6000 (around 65%). I believe we should be at \$6229.17 for SWS. Adding batteries and wire - \$29.48 for a total of \$6258.65.

Motion was made to approve bills with correction for SWS, in the amount of \$ 11,969.23 for North Carver Water

District: Mr. Sinclair

Second: Mr. Tracey

Approve: Unanimous

Motion to pay the bills for Telephone and CEI, in the amount of \$679.98: Mr. Sinclair

Second: Mr. Tracey

Approved: Unanimous

Correspondence:

Mr. Hunter is coming back, for the interim, until June 1, 2017. I am not sure he will have much interaction with us.

Next meeting:

Motion to approve meeting date of May 8, 2017 at 5:00 : Mr. Sinclair

Second: Mr. Tracey

Approved: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned:

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:13 PM: Mr. Sinclair

Second: Mr. Tracey

Approved: Unanimous