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# Town of Carver, North Carver Water District Commission

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Meeting minutes for **June 5, 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; Stephen Romano, Commissioner

Absent: All Present

Also present: Mike Woollam, SWSS - Remote (telephone conference call); John Woods, DPW; Mr. Milanoski – (5:08 PM)

Meeting called to order at 5:01 PM, by Mr. Tracey

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## New Source and Middleboro:

Mr. Tracey – Mr. Milanoski had a meeting with Middleboro – They are going to refresh prices for interconnect, which indicates to me that they are willing to let us have an interconnect. I have not had a conversation with Mr. Milanoski yet.

5:08 PM, Mr. Milanoski entered meeting – I went over to Middleboro a few weeks ago – I met with the town manager, head of DPW and Mike Bumpus. Mr. Bumpus may have some records from when wells were tested. It might not be a bad idea to have Kevin reach out to him directly. Middleboro is working on old water withdrawal rates. At this point, they don't know if they have long term availability. If they did and were willing to sell it to us, it would be with the condition that if a new large development or something similar were to be built, they could give

notice and withdraw. We should get the bypass valve priced out. I thought they had a pressure sensitive valve, but they are not sure if that is what it is. An automatic component could be put in, if necessary. Mr. Romano – The problem is on their end. Mr. Milanoski – Technically it's our end as we need the source, we are running on 20 and they are running on 60. They aren't actively searching to sell water. We should monitor where they are with their water withdrawal process; everyone is behind. If they show they have capacity; they have the ability to treat the water. Their biggest issue is with South Middleboro. I didn't get any resistance on anything short term (3 – 5 days or so); but we didn't deal with exact numbers. Mr. Sinclair – DEP permitting – if they are lagging behind, it doesn't put us in a great position. Mr. Romano – Can we switch to an existing well (make a test well to an existing) are we supposed to go to DEP? Mr. Milanoski – Yes. Mr. Romano – If we have to go to DEP anyway, we might as well ask for the extra \$15K. Mr. Milanoski – How much do you have in your account? Where would it come from? The Route 44 Development group will benefit most from this. Within the next 60 days a meeting needs to occur to talk about water and upgrading systems. Route 44 should act as new engineer moving forward. Right now we have enough capacity for current users. They need to grow the system and should participate in the cost of doing that. Mr. Romano – Cost of upgrade? The plant can handle more water. Mr. Milanoski – Yes, but we need to do pipe, pressure, membranes, storage, etc. Route 44 Development can not develop the property the way they want to until they have water. RDA has not provided finances to do anything, to this point; the same should be said for this next phase.

#### **Water Operator's Report:**

*Motion to authorize remote call from Mr. Woollum for water update: Mr. Sinclair*

*Second: Mr. Romano*

*Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*

Mr. Woollum – via Conference Call – All is good at the treatment plan. New pain treatment location is all hooked up. Indian Head has increased their take substantially. They are running on Saturdays as well. Mike is still waiting to hear from driller. Mr. Tracey – He emailed me and indicated that he had someone to get it done by June. Mr. Woollum - I have a meeting with USDA to inspect plant on Monday. There is a question as to handicapped access. This is not a public access building, so I don't think it will be an issue.

Water erosion issue – That has not been addressed yet. I will work with John Woods. Mr. Woods - Yes, just get in touch with me; we have stone in stock. Mr. Woollum – The issue is right behind the generator if you need to take a look at it.

#### **Authorize Pump tests for existing test wells:**

Update: Mr. Tracey – Mike Ohl wasn't sure it could all be done in this year (end of June). The latest is they should be able to pump existing wells in the month of June.

### FY18 Budget, possible changes:

This is just meant as a reminder to keep an eye on budget.

### Minutes – May 8, 2017:

Mr. Sinclair – We still need to reach out to Finance to go over budget issues; we need clarification on how we got to these numbers. Mr. Woods - I will bring that up with Meg and ask her to attend the next meeting.

*Motion to approve minutes from May 8, 2017: Mr. Sinclair*

*Second: Mr. Romano*

*Approved: Unanimous*

### Mr. Milanoski –

Dave Siedentopf was supposed to be here but something came up. Scott Kneif and I have been working on utilizing resources in more cost effective ways. We are developing a new department - Maintenance and Facilities Operations Department. The department will include –

- Dave Siedentopf
  - His staff includes a maintenance guy in each school, a head groundskeeper and fields at HS and new elementary school,
- John Woods
  - His staff includes 2 main people, foreman and truck operators, and 2.5 additional positions.

Dave will get more involved with water and septic issues in town. This will enable this board to handle issues that come up. John and Dave will work together and treat all town assets together. We are updating treatment systems with a system that Mike Ohl designed. This will also go to MHS and elementary school. This will be easier to maintain. Our goal is to have this department functional by July 1 (soft for 1<sup>st</sup> year). We will work on budget allotments/issues a little later. Mr. Siedentopf is currently the facilities director for all the schools. Mr. Woods – Dave and I have a really good working relationship. This should be a positive outcome for the town. Mr. Milanoski – This will help you as well; being able to utilize them.

*5:35 Mr. Milanoski departed the meeting*

### Bills Payable:

Mr. Romano - Why is there a late charge on the Wireless bill?

*Motion was made to approve bills, in the amount of \$6,088.85 for North Carver Water District: Mr. Sinclair*

*Second: Mr. Romano*

*Approve: Unanimous (3-0)*

*Motion to pay the Verizon Wireless Bill in the amount of \$79.98: Mr. Sinclair*

*Second: Mr. Romano*

*Approve: Unanimous (3-0)*

**Correspondence:**

- USDA compliance review letter -  
Inspection is happening on Thursday. Mr. Hunter put everything together.
- Small Water Systems Service Contract –  
The contract has been signed. It is a one-year extension on the current contract.

Mr. Romano - What is the deadline for 2017 bills? Mr. Tracey – I suggest the 10<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Next meeting:**

*Motion to approve meeting date of July 10, 2017 at 5:00 PM: Mr. Romano*

*Second: Mr. Sinclair*

*Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*

**Meeting adjourned:**

*Motion to adjourn was made at 5:47 PM: Mr. Romano*

*Second: Mr. Sinclair*

*Approved: Unanimous (3-0)*