



TOWN OF CARVER

North Carver Water District

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North Carver Water District Minutes October 16, 2013

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 October 16, 2013, at the Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room #2, 108 Main Street, Carver, MA. The meeting was opened by Mr. Kevin Tracey at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Kevin Tracey, Chair; William Sinclair, Commissioner

ABSENT: Debbera Silva, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Jack Hunter, Director of Planning and Community Development; Mike Woollam, SWSS; Rick Holland, Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss strategy with respect to litigation for the following properties: 0 North Main Street, 160 North Main Street; and to discuss potential litigation regarding the construction of the North Carver Water Treatment Plant

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to move into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation for the following properties: 0 North Main Street, 160 North Main Street; and to discuss potential litigation regarding the construction of the North Carver Water Treatment Plant, and then to return to Open Session

SECOND: by Mr. Tracey

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY at 7:01pm

Returned to Open Session at 7:42pm, October 16, 2013

2. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION: None

3. MINUTES: September 18, 2013 (Exhibit B)

Mr. Tracey said that the minutes should be amended to read: "MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to increase the rate to \$9.71 per 1000 gallons."

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to approve the minutes of September 18, 2013, as amended

SECOND: by Mr. Tracey

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY at 7:44pm

4. DECAS CRANBERRY OFF-SITE USER AGREEMENT – update

Mr. Mike Woollam reported that all was going well with the Decas water withdrawals. They have been starting at 5:00am and going until 11:00pm. Mr. Woollam had GE reprogram the system to increase the flow at the plant from 100 gallons per minute to 130 so there is time between tanker withdrawals for the plant tank to fill. Decas has been drawing 60,000-70,000 gallons per day weekdays. A brand new meter broke, which needs to be replaced. Decas sent a list of questions which Mr. Woollam answered.

Mr. Sinclair had a conversation with the Fire Chief, who asked if they could fill their trucks at the hydrant Decas is using. Mr. Woollam said that would pose problems for metering and billing the water used by Decas, but that the Fire Department could fill from any other hydrant. Mr. Sinclair said he would like a process established for the Fire Department to fill their trucks, which would be good PR and good for NCWD. Mr. Tracey said it would be best if they use the hydrant at the end of Lakenham Drive. Mr. Woollam will speak with the Chief and create a preference list of hydrants. The hydrant used by Decas would be for an emergency situation.

5. WATER OPERATOR'S REPORT:

a. AmeriGas Contract

The contract between NCWD and AmeriGas (Exhibit C) has an open-ended termination, with a 90 day written notice. Mr. Sinclair would like the propane services to go out to bid and to incorporate the bid with the Town. Mr. Woollam said he would speak with Mr. Joe Silva in Middleborough and ask if they are part of a consortium. Mr. Hunter said he would speak with Mr. Gerry Farquharson about the Town's use of Wrightington Gas for propane.

TiSales submitted a quote (Exhibit D) for an electromagnetic flow meter which is needed to replace the current meters which keep clogging, preventing the accurate measurement of chemicals needed. The current meters need to be cleaned every week. The electromagnetic meters do not have inner parts to clog, but cost about \$2,500 each, plus necessary plumbing. A temporary fix would cost about \$900.

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to authorize expenditure not to exceed \$7,500.00 to purchase and install two electromagnetic meters, conditioned upon approval from escrow account

SECOND: by Mr. Tracey

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Jeff Thomas has hooked up to the curb but not to the building. Individual meters were installed at 96 North Main Street. Mr. Hunter will speak with the managing agent about acquiring the needed information. Shaw's got a new meter and radio read. Mr. Mike Ohl will crunch numbers for the clear well. Mr. Hunter and Ms. Meg LaMay have an appointment to meet with Mr. Ron Koontz. Mr. Hunter will ask Mr. Ohl about the hot box construction.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

a. Bills Payable (Exhibit E)

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to approve payment of bills as presented on the Schedule of Department Bills Payable dated 10/16/13, totaling \$9,008.60

SECOND: by Mr. Tracey

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Meter Reading

Ms. Kathy Kay received some information about meter reading software from Mr. Joe Coulter of TiSales, and it could cost up to \$2,000. She will pursue further information.

c. General Budget Update – Special Town Meeting

Ms. LaMay will be presenting an article at the Special Town Meeting to meet the needs of the revised NCWD FY14 budget (Exhibit F).

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to approve the #3 language on the attached Exhibit G, STM Articles – from Accounting, for the Special Town Meeting and to recommend Town Meeting approve the article

SECOND: by Mr. Tracey

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The Selectmen will be discussing the article. Mr. Hunter will find out if the Finance Committee has seen the article and budget.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Mass DEP sent out a notice to public water suppliers about monitoring manganese (Exhibit H).

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to set the next meeting on November 20, 2013, at 6:00pm, in meeting room #3

SECOND: by Mr. Tracey

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: by Mr. Sinclair to adjourn

SECOND: by Mr. Tracey

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The North Carver Water District meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm on October 16, 2013.

Table of Documents

Exhibit A	Meeting Agenda – October 16, 2013
Exhibit B	NCWD Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2013
Exhibit C	NCWD-AmeriGas Propane Supply Agreement
Exhibit D	TiSales quote for electromagnetic flow meters
Exhibit E	Schedule of Department Bills Payable 10/16/13
Exhibit F	FY14 NCWD Forecast
Exhibit G	STM Articles – from Accounting
Exhibit H	Mass DEP notice of October, 2013