

WATER/SEWER BOARD MEETING
February 21, 2017

Present: Ralph Wilkins, Marty Frizzell, Lucy Stevens, Thomas Daniels, Becky Hinton and Lisa Moore

Ralph called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. There was one typo that referred to the amount of the Operations budget. The typo was corrected and Lucy made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Ralph seconds. All in favor.

Public Comment: Thomas Daniels explained that he had just had heart surgery and is not able to work at this time. This has made them fall behind on their initial agreement to pay on their delinquent water account. He asked the board if they could accept a revised agreement for a lesser payment at this time that would keep them current on the new billings. When he is back to work he will pay more. If he gets his disability claim he will try to pay it all off at once. The board agreed that we could accommodate their situation.

Marty said he got a call from Liz Dickson about a new permit process for testing phosphorus. We will need to address this sometime in September or end of year. It will require a facility upgrade and we will need to do a new study.

Marty says the State wants to meet with the water board and some others in the area sometime in March. This will give an opportunity to talk with state regulators.

The Selectboard has invited the Water Board to meet with them and Utility Partners at the upcoming Selectboard meeting on March 1st.

Marty requested that he have a designated board member to turn to as his temporary liaison until Butch Barney is well enough to resume his duties on the board. Lucy said she doesn't want to make too many decisions without Butch right now. They will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Lucy thinks it would be good to designate a person to go to the Town office to sign pay orders in the future. This will be put on the agenda for next meeting.

Ralph made a motion for the water board to send flowers to Butch. Lucy seconds. All in favor. Lisa will arrange for this to happen.

Marty shared a copy of a House Bill Proposal that would require an electronic monitor facility upgrade. It also addresses the sludge removal process. Marty will contact our representative and ask him to vote "No" on this bill.

Walter Lynde spoke with Marty about his delinquent water account. For the last two and one-half years he has been charged but has no water usage. He doesn't feel that he should have to pay the delinquent bill. Lucy and Ralph said that from this point on we will only charge him the debt fee of \$39, but he is still responsible for paying the prior delinquent bill.

Marty said that hydrants have been hard to keep cleaned out because of the recent snow storms but now most all are cleaned.

Sharon Henault's bill is still not getting paid. She filed for bankruptcy a while ago. She is still responsible for the water bill from that date forward. Lisa will find out what date she filed and Marty will adjust her bill accordingly.

Meeting adjourned 6:46 P.M.

Secretary,

Lisa A. Moore