

SPECIAL WATER/SEWER BOARD MEETING  
June 20, 2017

**Present:** Roland Barney, Marty Frizzell, Lucy Stevens, Wayne Elliott, Joe Arborio and Lisa Moore

**Call meeting to order:** Roland Barney called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**Review Minutes of 5/16/17:** Minutes were reviewed. Lucy made a motion to accept the minutes as written with one amendment. Roland seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Updates:** Joe Arborio, health officer, informed the board that he had gotten a phone call from Jamie Sherman, a renter of Betty Castrogiovanni. Jamie told him that the water to the building where he rents had been shut off and he requested to have it turned back on. The water had been shut off due to non-payment of a delinquent account and failure of the landlord to sign a written agreement with a payment plan. Joe explained that in the state of Vermont the renter has the right to have the water turned back on, so he made arrangements with Marty to turn the water back on the next day. In the meantime, Joe informed Jamie of the places in town where he could get potable water until Marty could get it turned back on. Joe said that he will go to the selectboard meeting to discuss what the next step will be in handling this matter.

**Public Comment:** None

**Wayne Elliott:** Wayne Elliott shared some handouts with the board regarding water/sewer rate billing systems. He discussed how some other towns bill their customers and pointed out the pros and cons of how changes in our town's system could affect various classes of citizens. He pointed out that we calculate commercial accounts differently than some towns and that we may want to look into changing that. Overall he felt that we have a good system.

Marty mentioned that some of our meters are over 30 years old and may not be giving accurate readings. It would be a big expense to replace them all at once. Wayne felt that it would be most important to first replace the ones with our biggest users, such as the motel, hotel & restaurants.

**Delinquent water/sewer accounts:** Marty shut off the Marsden water account after proper notice. He said that it appears that no one is living there at this time. Most all other delinquent account holders have come in to make an agreement, with the exception of a couple. Notices of water shut off will be sent to these account holders.

**Problem on Derby St. with low pressure:** Marty says that it is still not clear why there is not sufficient pipe flow. It could be something as simple as a valve or a rock. He is still looking into the cause.

**Leaks at Spec Pond and North Reservoir:** Marty says it is still not clear where the leaks are coming from. It could be a valve or a leak in the reservoir. He did find a small broken plastic line. He said the leak is not significant.

**Bids for painting reservoirs:** Marty prepared a Notice for Bids to paint the reservoirs. He will be posting them around town and also calling some of the local painters to let them know about the job. They will need to have insurance coverage.

**Marty's Comments:** Marty had to change the time of the sewer line cleaning to Thursday and Friday (6/22/17 & 6/23/17). He changed the dates in the notices.

He has been cleaning the reservoirs.

Every other Wednesday they will be sending Ecoli samples to Burlington.

The Consumer Confidence Report is ready to be sent out.

Marty said that he has to start sending the waste water report in electronically. Lucy made a motion to allow Marty to sign the waste water reports. Roland seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Commissioner's Comments:** Roland stated that he would like to see our water payment agreement form revised to clearly state what payment expectations are and what the penalty is when an agreement is broken.

Adjourned 5:25 P.M.