

Water/Sewer Board Meeting Minutes October 16, 2018

Present: Roland Barney, Ralph Wilkins, Lisa Moore, Marty Frizzell, Nate Pion from Aldrich and Elliott, Wayne Elliott from Aldrich and Elliott, Patrick Smart from The Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Teresa DeBonville, and Susan Honan via phone.

Chairperson, Roland Barney called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

A&E Presentation: Nate Pion and Wayne Elliott were present for the purpose of regrouping with the board and to see where the board stood on the pilot study.

At this time, Patrick Smart explained to the board what the state would be looking for to comply. The division requests that the water system conduct an engineering evaluation of its treatment facilities. Things to be included in this would be redundancy, upgrades to the facilities and replacement of equipment that needs to be updated due to the age of the facilities. Aldrich and Elliott would look at the facilities capabilities to meet the state requirements and recommend the repair and or replacement of equipment and updates to the facilities in there pilot study. Marty told the board that he does feel that this study is a necessity at this point. Ralph Wilkins motions to have Aldrich and Elliott proceed with the pilot study. Lisa Moore seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Honan's request: Susan Honan attended by phone to request that they be charged for only one unit at the property located at 49 Middle Street, which they recently purchased. At the time of the purchase, this location was charged for three units. This property was condemned on March 27, 2018 and has been vacant and not habitable since this time as well as the fact that the water was turned off at that time. Ms. Honan also requested that the one year notification of vacancy be retroactive to the March 27, 2018 date.

The board approved her request to have the property charged as one unit for the December 2018 quarter and the March 2019 quarters. This amount would be \$208.00 per quarter. Moving forward from that date, the board agreed that they would accept the one year notification of vacancy starting date of March 27, 2018, and will then reduce the bill to just the debt service of \$39.00 per quarter starting with the June, 2019 quarterly billing.

Mrs. Honan has requested that something be sent to her in writing stating the board's decision.

Review previous minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the September 18, 2018 and the special meeting minutes of September 27, 2018. A motion was made by Lisa Moore to approve the minutes. Ralph Wilkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Update Agenda: Nothing.

Public comment: Nothing.

Delinquent accounts: The board reviewed the delinquent accounts and previous agreements. Shut off notices will be mailed out.

Marty's comments: Marty informed the board that the valve at Simon the Tanner is only partially open and needs replacing . The cost of this is about \$5000.00; and would require shutting down the water to half of the town until the repairs are completed. The problem is timing, as the state will be doing their paving project in 2019. Marty really doesn't want to have to dig up fresh pavement if it isn't necessary. If the town is still planning on going ahead with the downtown revitalization project within the next three to five years, Marty suggests holding off on this project until then. If the town's timeline for the revitalization project is later than this, Marty suggests repairing this in the spring before the state paves.

Marty informed the board that the Green Mountain Trade Show will be held in Burlington on November 8, 2018 if any of the commissioners are interested in going.

Commissioner's Comments: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.