

Water/Sewer Board Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2019

Present: Roland Barney, Ralph Wilkins, Lisa Moore, Marty Frizzell, and Teresa DeBonville.

Roland Barney called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

The board contacted Alexander Orlowski by phone (Cross and Rail) to discuss grieving the water bill to his property located at 2 Cross Street in Island Pond. When Mr. Orlowski purchased the building, the water was already shut off and has remained off since the purchase of the building. Mr. Orlowski explained to the board that he has no plan to turn the water on to the building until renovations have been finalized; which he expects to be a year or two. At this time, the building is being charged for 5 units at the cost of \$208.00 per unit/per quarter. The board discussed the issue and agreed to charge Mr. Orlowski debt service only at the charge of \$39.00 per unit and also reduce the amount of units to 4 instead of 5 units just until renovations are finished and Mr. Orlowski requests to have the water turned back on. The board made it clear to Mr. Orlowski that his bill would be \$156.00 per quarter until the valve has been turned to allow water to flow to the building. As soon as this is done the bill will go back to \$208.00 per quarter/ per unit.

The board received the new contract from Piscataqua. The contract reads the same as in the past which includes a 3% wage increase for operators. The only change is that it goes from 3 years to 1 year and will automatically renew at the end of every year unless the board wants to make any changes. If the board does not contact Piscataqua before the end of the contract year, it will automatically renew.

The board gave Marty Frizzell permission to discuss the meter pit at the Lakeside Campground with Maurice Barnes.

The water and sewer ordinances have been approved by the select board.

Previous Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by Lisa Moore to accept the minutes as printed, Ralph Wilkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Delinquent accounts: The board discussed the delinquent accounts, and water shut off notices will be sent out.

Marty's comments: Marty informed the board that he had finished the PFOA testing.

The lead and copper testing results have come back and all participating applicants came in well under the level.

The valve turnings were done; and the company was able to open the valve at Simon The Tanner. This will be a significant savings for the town, because this valve will no longer need to be replaced.

Marty informed the board that the water supply rule is in the process of being re-written; and the state is asking for any comments. Marty will send in his comments; and asked the board if they had any.

Marty informed the board that Bruce Rolfe will stay on until the end of the year/ end of the contract before retiring.

Marty will be working on changing the curb stop and hooking up the sewer to the Xenelis property of Fitzgerald Ave. on Friday.

Commissioner's comments: None.

Other business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.