

Water/Sewer Board Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2021

Present: Lisa Moore, Ralph Wilkins, Brittany Goulet, Kean Galunas, Peter Helfach, Mark Vaillancourt, and Teresa Debonville.

Chairperson, Lisa Moore called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Updates to the agenda: The agenda was updated to include discussion on the test pilot program, the public notice for the bond vote on June 2, 2021, low water pressure at Andy Martin's house on Paradis Mountain Road, and the leak at Tracey Acebo's house located at 92 Derby Street.

Peter Helfach discussed with Kean the leak at the Acebo house, and Marty notified all the correct people on this issue. The water has been shut off to the property. This leak occurred after the water meter; which means that all the water went through the meter. This matter will be discussed in more detail if the property owner comes to the board with a request for relief of the cost that this leak caused.

Larry Smith from Vermont League of Cities and Towns approached the board about the installation of an Internet of things censor at the plants. This censor picks up motion, vibration, and low temperatures. The two water plants do not have internet access to them; and the cost to run internet to them would be extremely high; but the board feels that this could be useful at the treatment plant. A motion was made by Ralph Wilkins to allow VLCT to install the IOT censor at the treatment facility, at VLCT cost for installation. Brittany Goulet seconds the motion, all in favor so carried.

The public notice has been posted for the bond vote for repairs to the waste water treatment facility which will be held June 2, 2021. There will be an informational meeting on this bond vote to be held on Monday, June 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Andy Martin approached Zach Letourneau about low water pressure at his house. Andy wants to replace the pipe from the curb stop to his house and questioned whether or not he was responsible for the cost of this. The board reviewed the policy, and let it be known that anything like this is the responsibility of the property owner to cover the costs. Zach will be asked if he checked to see if there was an obstruction in the line and if he had gone into the basement and checked this out. If not, Zach will be advised to do so before proceeding.

Public comment: None.

Review previous minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the March 16, 2021 and the special meeting held on April 8, 2021. A motion was made by Brittany Goulet to accept the minutes as printed. Ralph seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Grant application: Lisa informed the board that the USDA Grant application that was due on April 16, 2021 had been submitted by Joel.

Resignation of commissioner: Lisa Moore is looking to resign as commissioner and chairperson. Mark Vaillancourt may be interested in the position. Mark will speak with Lisa more about this on Friday before making a final decision as to whether or not he would like to fill the position.

Camp lease agreement: The board went over the Lease agreement for Paul Lefebvre's camp. This will be \$600.00 per year for a 3-year period, starting January 1, 2021. The board will review the lease and have all interested parties sign the agreement.

Peter Helfach's comments: Pete will send Lisa a copy of the state required update of certified operator's to be signed. Peter will be renewing Bruce Rolfe's certification.

Other business: Brittany Goulet asked if Bruce Rolfe was going to be a full-time operator, or if the position was going to be filled. Peter informed everyone that Bruce would only be part-time, on an as needed basis until a full-time, qualified operator could be found.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.