

WATER/SEWER BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2023

Present: Noah Bond, Mark Vaillancourt, Andy Martin, Bruce Rumball-Petre, Jodi Gonyaw-Worth, Zach Letourneau, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending virtually: Michael Strait, Joel Cope, Bruce Webster, and Rodger Sheldon.

Andy Martin called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Update to the agenda: Monthly billing start date and rate hikes.

The board discussed when the new rates and new billing cycles should start. It was decided that this would not go into effect until after town meeting and the approval of the 2023 proposed budget.

Public comment: Jodi Gonyaw-Worth was present on behalf of the Christ Church on clarification on the water bill. The board explained to Jodi that there were policies in place that did not allow for discounts on the bills due to usage. Andy Martin explained that the only way that the bill could be reduced would be to leave the water turned off, and after one year the bill would drop down to debt service only.

Budget review: The board reviewed the final numbers for the 2022 budget and worked on the 2023 proposed budget.

Rate schedule review: Noah prepared a rate schedule chart for the board to review. No action was taken on this at this time.

Appoint a new water board chairperson: A motion was made by Andy Martin to recommend to the select board that Bruce Rumball-Petre be appointed to fill the vacancy of Water Commissioner due to the resignation of Brittany Goulet. Mark Vaillancourt seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried. Andy Martin will act as Chairperson for this meeting.

Approve minutes of previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the December 20, 2022 meeting. A motion was made by Mark Vaillancourt to approve the minutes as printed. Andy Martin seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM