

## WATER/SEWER BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 21,2023

Present: Noah Bond, Mark Vaillancourt, Bruce Rumball-Petre, Kean Galunas, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending virtually: Joel Cope, Mike Strait, Bruce Webster, Rodger Sheldon, and Andy Martin.

Bruce Rumball-Petre called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Updates to the agenda: Proposed letter to Aldrich and Elliott on the water study.

Joel showed the board a letter he drafted to Aldrich and Elliott on the town's opinion of the suggestions on the water study. A motion was made by Mark Vaillancourt to approve the letter and allow Joel to send the letter. Andy Martin seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: None.

Water department truck purchase: The board signed the loan documents for the purchase of the trucks for the water and sewer department in the amount of \$109,201.99 with the first payment of \$24,650.77 being due November 15, 2023.

Brighton 90% report review meeting: The board discussed the outcome of the 90% review Report meeting held on March 16, 2023. It doesn't look like any work will begin until 2024. Sludge removal needs to be the first step, and no company in the area will be taking the sludge until mid-year this year or in 2024.

Setting the water rates: The board will hold a special meeting on April 4, 2023 at 4:00 PM to do a work session and discuss setting the rates.

Rate schedule research: Bruce showed the board a chart he had been working on with formulas for the rate schedule. The board will do more research and continue to work on this.

Discuss 70% document: The board reviewed the 70% document and the three alternatives the town has that Aldrich and Elliott are suggesting. The board approved a letter that would be sent to Aldrich and Elliott on which alternative the town would like to proceed with.

Approve minutes of previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the March 2, 2023 special meeting. A motion was made by Mark Vaillancourt to approve the minutes as printed. Andy Martin seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: The board would like a letter sent to Maurice Barnes stating that the meter pits need to be completed, per the agreement that Mr. Barnes has with the Water and Sewer department before the water is turned on at the campground for the season.

Andy approached the board about fixing the road in front of The Essex House and Tavern where the sewer line broke last year. The road was patched, but needs to be repaved this year. Andy asked that this be paid for from the Water and Sewer department budget. A motion was made by Mark Vaillancourt to approve this request. Bruce Rumball-Petre seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.