

Sewer and Water Minutes

October 4, 2022

Present: Don Schneyer, Peter Socha, John Loiodice, Tony Campetti, Mike Buffoni and Jennifer Carmichael

Approve August 2nd minutes: Don asked for a motion to approve the August 2nd minutes and Peter motioned to accept the minutes as presented and John seconded, all were in favor.

Desisto Pump Station: Mike gave an update; a general cleanup in the pump station vault, a dehumidifier was added, the electrician will be there this week, a backup generator will be installed outside.

Succession Plan: Mike sent a copy of the succession plan for the three operators to the Town Administrator to get his feedback; Mike and Tony met with him for a discussion. Mike will mail the plan to DEP soon and get the Commissioners copies soon. Last fall DEP did a sanitary survey went through water storage, treatment plant, budgeting etc. One of their main concerns were that Mike, Tony and Mark are dual, water and waste water, licensed. DEP is looking for a plan as to how the three of them will be replaced when retirement comes calling.

Town meeting articles' progress: Roof painting second coat is being applied, trying to schedule a meeting with Dave Prickett to do the twenty-year master plan for the water system, the departments are now in possession of the trailer they needed, the turbidity meter, required by DEP, will be finished by our electrician soon, bathymetry will be done once all the leaves are down. Mike contacted Wesson & Sampson regarding the Pump as turbine as they had given Mike an estimate during the class he took. The new Meter reading equipment training was done yesterday, along with the collector's office, which does the billing. Tony discussed the awarding and signing of the contract for the Park Street pump station, a pre-construction meeting will happen in the next few weeks but the contractor may not break ground until the spring. I & I camera work is close to completion, Main Street is done, from Yale Hill to the Proctor Hall. They will finish the field work and put a report together for Tony.

Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Committee: Working on a water shed plan as EPA requires. They are getting opinions from experts, looking at things that are pertinent to this body of water: phosphorous loading from septic sedimentation, preventing algae bloom. Harvesting and dredging were discussed the issue with the harvester will postpone these tasks until next summer. The committee will continue to monitor the health of the lake.

Mike heard back on the PFOA testing of the reservoir and the results were very low and the four times per year testing has been reduced to once per year. Main conduit L-B outside the water plant broke last year, National Grid cut power for about 4 or 5 hours and a generator was used; the electrician got it all repaired. A new water service was put into house #26 on Cherry Hill Road.

John motioned to adjourn the meeting and Peter seconded, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Carmichael

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