

Sewer and Water Meeting

April 4, 2023

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

John moved to approve the 3/07/2023 minutes Peter seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Dawn Farley's letter regarding private sewer line given to Town. The current owners will have to approve the Town taking over the line. It would need to go to Town meeting and voted on.

I & I phase 3 is finished. Phase 4 will go to Town meeting for a vote.

Pump Station update: The representative from the electrical contractor looked inside last week to order what would be needed. The schedule remains the same, to start in June.

Mike discussed the water surplus articles going to Town meeting. Insulation of new gate valves at Larrywaug and Averic where the waterline towards the pump house has no valves. The inline valves put in under pressure at Curtisville bridge has worked well. The engineering for water main replacement for water project on Elm and Maple Streets. The three online analyzers for the water treatment plant run continuously, 1 was changed last year, required by DEP, the 2 others are too old and no parts are available, replacement of the chlorine analyzer is in need of an upgrade. Interior painting of pipes and filters are needed. A new truck for the water department is needed as there are three employees and 2 vehicles causing someone to drive their own car. With talks of a succession plan a fourth person would be brought on and a third vehicle would be needed. The commissioners thought waiting to purchase another truck until the succession plan is set would be more prudent. The budget plan went up about \$7,000 for water system maintenance including fixing leaks and details which have gone up in price.

The master plan is still being worked on and Mike sends out information when it is requested.

Hydro feasibility project: Mike has received the final report. It can be done but the cost of setup and the cost of a new building was far above the savings that the power generated would bring.

The Bathymetry map is finished with the lake portion, the safe yield is not completed yet. The lake holds 146,000,000 gallons; The Town uses 62,000,000 to 64,000,000 gallons a year. The deepest area of the reservoir is 21 feet. The residential water use per day was 46 gallons per household and well below 10% which is a good percentage.

Shared services with West Stockbridge for the water and waste water systems was discussed and thoughts regarding a needed succession plan mentioned. Bringing both Towns together would give a larger pay incentive for someone to want employment in this area. There is already a known shortage of operators. DEP wants a staffing succession plan. West Stockbridge services 243 water and 154 waste water households.

John gave an update on the Stockbridge Bowl and lake management plan. The harvesting which will happen. Where and how large an area is still being negotiated with EPA has approved 10 acres but the Committee would like to ask for 20 acres. A Notice of Intent will be sent in for 30 acres and hope to get more than the 10 acres approved. Floating docks are coming out and may make it hard for the harvester to get around. Notices will go out; floating docks should only go out 30 feet.

Reverse 911 will go out as flushing the hydrants and painting will start.

John motioned to adjourn Peter seconded the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Jennifer Carmichael