

Water Commissioner Meeting

June 14, 2022

Interim Commissioners Present: Tom Seymour, Frank Razzaboni & Lisa Seymour (Secretary / Meter Reader)

Interim Commissioners Absent: Shaun Bresnahan

Public: Danny Woodhams (SKR Site Services) and Gerard Desrochers

Thomas Seymour brought the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

Commissioner Business:

Warrant:

Water Bills – Signed

Warrant for Invoicing – Signed

Water Dept Business:

The water meters were read on the weekend of June 12th.

Jerry Desrochers assisted with the creating of the warrant and reviewed the Import and Export reports for accuracy. Lisa Seymour and Jerry will look into the new meter that was installed at 134 New Chester Road.

There was interest expressed by two (2) residents to seek appointment as Water Commissioners. Though both individuals were extended invitations, neither individual came to this meeting. The three (3) positions as Water Commissioners remain open. Interested residents are encouraged to speak with the Board of Selectmen. One does not need to be a subscriber of the Water Department to be a Water Commissioner.

Open Public:

SKR update – Danny Woodhams provided an update on the repairs at the pump house. The hydrant at the pump house is fully functionally. The issue was the bonnet was covered with heavy water deposit build up from having the gate valves open & closed by the Fire Department. When they finish using the hydrant, it needs to be drained & checked about 12 hours later for leaks and possible re-draining. The hydrant at the pump house was installed between 2005 – 2006 and it's an American Darling fire hydrant. Danny asked for a list of all the fire hydrants in town. Danny said the hydrant system should be exercised every six months and remove any mineral deposits. This will be done with the fire department, SKR and the water commissioners. Danny thinks there might be 25 hydrants and we could probably do 5 every other Saturday until completed.

The out of service hydrants were discussed. Mountain View Drive and Ferrin Street are critical because there is a lot of families dependent on them and the one on Ferrin Street is at the end of a line. Danny has 2 rebuild kits and a hydrant on hand. Most of the hydrants in Hill are over 35 years old and the water infrastructure, which is far older, is fragile in places. There are sections that will need to be replaced, however the Hill Water Works still has open bond payments.

There was discussion on the water main breaks on Shop Road to Old Town Road. Jerry Desrochers said that the pipe under the brook is a 4" pipe and if there is a leak under the brook it's hard to pinpoint exactly where it is.

Crescent Street, Mountain View Drive and Murray Hill Road will be repaved by Danny Woodhams (SKR). The commissioners agreed that the only paving on the sidewalks due to water main breaks will be on Crescent Street only.

Jerry Desrochers said that getting Danny Woodhams & SKR on board has been the best thing for Hill NH. Danny brings loads of experience as he also supports water systems in Franklin and Concord, to name a few.

Jerry Desrochers came to share information and guidance to the interim water commissioners. We talked about the installation of new meters and replacements. If we need to replace a meter, we should have a licensed plumber do the repair because it takes the liability off the town. Going forward when an old meter needs to be replaced it should be replaced with a plastic meter as they have been found to be as durable and less expensive.

The 2022 confidence reports must be mailed before July 1st. Jerry Desrochers stated that they have always had Staples print the pamphlets. Lisa Seymour said that we can print them here and fold them and it would not cost as much as Staples. Another letter will be sent to the Wellhead Protection Area residents. Lisa Seymour will review the spreadsheet list and update the address changes.

The interim commissioners looked at the 2022 budget to see if they could determine the rate change that occurred. The last time the rate changed was in 2019 when the water department had a negative balance. The rate in 2019 was \$46.00 and now we are at a new rate of \$58.00 with a \$.25 usage rate per 100 gals used. The interim commissioners also determined that monthly meter readings will be easier for the residents than quarterly. Lisa Seymour added that when she read the meters this month that most of the residents were happy to see this is being done monthly.

Replacement of broken meters was discussed and the interim commissioners want to see if E J Prescott can/will replace these. The water department currently has radio readers at the pump house that can be used. It was suggested that meters found behind fences and/or are difficult to get to in the winter be equipped first with the radio readers. Eventually replacing them all with the radio readers would be a meter reader labor cost savings.

The interim water commissioners will be updating the reports on the website. The water commissioners will be meeting July 12th at 6:30 pm in the Selectmen's Office.

Lisa Seymour will be looking into using a .gov versus the current .org for emails. The .gov is more secure.

With no further business to conduct, Thomas Seymour made the motion to adjourn the meeting Francis Razzaboni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 9:04 pm.

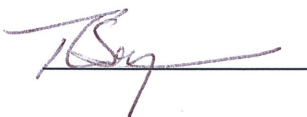
Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour

Shaun Bresnahan

Francis Razzaboni



Absent

