

Water Commissioner Meeting

January 10, 2023

Commissioners Present: Tom Seymour, Shaun Bresnahan, Frank Razzaboni & Lisa Seymour (Secretary)

Commissioners Absent: None

Public: Ryan Maynard, Mark Labonte, Jamie Moulton

Tom Seymour brought the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Commissioner Business:

Ryan Maynard lives on Old Town Road and has experience in water/sewer infrastructures. He has worked with all types of cast water pipes and rehabbing water lines. Ryan is willing to help with water main breaks but doesn't have the time to become a water commissioner because he works out of state. The Selectmen/Water Commissioners are split with Tom Seymour doing the administrative reporting, Frank Razzaboni handling the meter repairs with EJ Prescott, and Shaun Bresnahan coordinating the curb stop repairs and the main infrastructure repairs and parts in the pump house. Currently we are using SKR as a contractor for our repairs to water main breaks and they use ductile iron pipe. Our system is over 80 years old and needs replacing. However, it's very costly. Frank stated the meters are over 10 years old and are showing wear and also need to be replaced. Ryan also was concerned with safety aspects and could provide sure kits if needed.

The Commissioners would like to have a plan review with Pump Systems on the equipment and possible upgrades. Shaun Bresnahan will reach out John at Pump System to schedule a meeting.

Jamie Moulton has offered to help the Commissioners when he can. Mark Labonte will help also when needed.

The Commissioners are still considering the possibility of outsourcing the water department. Frank Razzaboni and Shaun Bresnahan feel that if someone is interested in becoming a water Commissioner, they should be in the water system. Tom Seymour disagreed about having just water user for commissioners.

Shaun Bresnahan is working on mapping the water system on a digital platform for field work. The name of the company used is Diamond and it would cost \$20.00 per user. For a community under 2,000 users the cost would be \$400 to \$450 with unlimited users. Jamie Moulton has requested to have the same access as Shaun on the software program. Frank Razzaboni mentioned to limit access to viewing only so not just anyone can make changes. Tom Seymour mentioned that we have other issues that need to be addressed, such as the meters that are not working and the charts at the pump house, we need to look into bringing the system to current. The question was asked can we refurbish the meters we have? The new meters are plastic and have a no mechanical parts so it doesn't fill with fine sand and all the meters have a backflow. Frank Razzaboni has offered to watch the chemical mix because he used to work in a lab. Shaun Bresnahan thought replacing the meters to the water resident users would be very expensive and they can't afford to have any major increases in the rates that they are paying currently. Shaun Bresnahan thinks this infrastructure water is similar to a bridge infrastructure and this would be a conversation to have at Town Meeting.

The water line from the pump house is a ductile and is connected to the existing water line which is over eighty years old. As we have water main breaks, we are upgrading the line to ductile.

Mark Labonte has offered to help when we have a water main break.

31 Shop Road needs a gate valve and a t-valve to Old Town Road which would be ductile and connect to the AC piece. The black stand pipe on Shop Road is used to flush the system. Eventually the line under the stream will need to be replaced and it should have two gate valves in the event we have another water main break.

Shaun Bresnahan is talking with Gerald Desrochers, former water commissioner, about changing to an 8" pipe versus the current 6" water mains.

The warrant for the invoices to be paid was signed

The warrant to create and issue the monthly water bills 2023W01 – Signed

The commissioners are working on the budget for 2023. Currently we are waiting on the costs of chemicals and services from Pump Systems and EJ Prescott.

The water commissioners will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Selectmen's Office.

With no further business to conduct, Frank Razzaboni made the motion to adjourn the meeting Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour,

Shaun Bresnahan

Frank Razzaboni

