

# Water Commissioner Meeting

February 14, 2023

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

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Public:** Tom Mason, Lakes Region Water Company Inc. and Richard Helmholtz

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

## **Commissioner Business:**

Tom Mason from Lakes Region Water Company, a small, privately-owned public water utility that has been servicing the Lakes Region for over 30 years informed the Commissioners that they currently own and/or operates 19 different water systems throughout the Lakes Region. Some are complex and some are smaller and similar to what Hill has. Being a public utility company, they follow the direct regulation of the NH Public Utilities Commission. Tom said that they are a boots on the ground company and works with the state on sampling as well as taking care of the needs of the water systems. Their company is a licensed to operate public water systems. They also have worked on the installation of pump stations as well as water main breaks, leak detection and maintaining chemicals for the safety of the consumer's drinking water. Shaun Bresnahan stated the system we have is 82 years old and we have been repairing it as needed. In 2012, we did system improvements with the NH Municipal Bond which will be paid off in 2037. We also have a NH Drinking Water bond which will be completed in 2027. The NH Drinking Water bond allowed for a 2<sup>nd</sup> well and pump house expansion/improvements.

Tom Mason said that maybe there might be grants for some of the repairs needed. Most grants need to have an asset management system in place. Shaun Bresnahan is currently working with Diamond Maps to create a GIS database that will allow us to create the necessary asset management system. Mobile app will allow for field location of lines, valves and hydrants and map leaks and repairs. Overall good presentation on what services are available.

The water commissioners discussed the need to review current repair expenses to see if the current rates will cover the 2023 expenses. Any proposed changes would be discussed in a public meeting with the users receiving notice prior to the meeting.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recess the Water Commissioners meeting at 7:14 pm to conduct Selectmen's business. Tom Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor

The Water Commissioner's reconvened at 7:30 pm.

Lisa Seymour said the meter reading for February yielded 91%. This was due to a couple of things. One was that we still have a few meters that are not working and secondly there was some meters that were not accessible due to snow. Frank would like to start repairing the no-reads in April and he will reach out to Liam Flaherty at EJP to set the schedule.

Shaun Bresnahan reviewed the invoice from SKR for the six breaks in December and January; the commissioners discussed the three possible sources of funding payment. The total invoice was just over \$60,195.48. Shaun Bresnahan proposed using \$12,500 from the Emergency Repair account (Money Market Account), \$12,500 from the ARPA funds and \$35,195.48 from cash. Tom Seymour

made the motion to fund payment as proposed. Shaun Bresnahan seconded. All in favor. Lisa Seymour will work with Judy Brady treasurer of the Hill Water Works.

Shaun Bresnahan talked about the pricing for the Diamond Maps. Shaun received a quote for \$120 per year with unlimited users. Shaun Bresnahan demonstrated the mapping online GPS values and what can be gained from having this on smartphones, especially when there is a break. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to purchase a 1-year license for the Diamond Mapping software at the cost of \$120 per year. Frank Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor

The commissioners discussed the Fire Hydrant flushing for the spring. They will also review the gate valves at this time.

The commissioners finalized the budget for 2023.

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

With no further business to conduct, Shaun Bresnahan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Seymour seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour,



Shaun Bresnahan



Frank Razzaboni

