

Water Commissioner Meeting

April 11, 2023

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Public: David Kirsch

Shaun Bresnahan brought the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Public:

David Kirsch from Brookside Cooperative came in to discuss the 21 flat fees that are being charged on a monthly basis. David said that they currently have only 19 units on the water system. Lot B16 has no building and D3 has been shut off. Shaun Bresnahan and Frank Razzaboni will meet with David next week to address these issues. Shaun asked if they have a tool to shut off these valves as needed Dave said that they do. However, if you are shutting them off and not notifying the water commissioners it will remain on your monthly billing. Moving forward the water commissioners will shut off the curb stops as needed at Brookside Cooperative.

David Kirsch inquired about an abandoned property that has outstanding taxes and was curious if the Selectmen could help any way so they can remove it and place a new home on the lot in return would yield more tax dollars for the town. David also mentioned that they are working on getting a grant to upgrade the septic and leach field to be as one unit. The other long-term project is to place solar panels in the field next to the Cooperative because they are not planning on expanding the Cooperative to more homes.

Commissioner Business:

Lisa Seymour the meter reader report. The meters were read on April 8th yielding a 96% read with 6 no reads. We have several meters that are still not reading usage for various reasons. The curb stop for 38 Crescent will be shut off because it has no meter. Lisa also mentioned that one of the residents on the system is out of town and it's turned off at the curb stop showed usage indicating that it should be reviewed.

Water Warrant for Bills to Residents has been signed and bills have been issued.

Water Warrant to pay vendors has been signed.

Shaun Bresnahan and Frank Razzaboni did an over view of the system for Stephen Thomson. We use EJ Prescott for the meters and repairs. Pump Systems is our license operator and takes care of the pump house and the chemical balances to the drinking water.

Shaun Bresnahan has been working with Diamond Maps to update the location of the repairs and what type of replacement pipe has been used. We still have 2/3rd of the existing system that is over 80 years old. Brief discussion on water breaks and system repairs on Quimby Road, NH Rte. 3a, Old Town Road and Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Stephen Thomson asked what is the plan to fix it? Shaun Bresnahan stated that it will take a while because still have two current bonds outstanding. The NH Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (2nd well and pump house expansion/improvements for \$200,000, 20 years at 3.488%) still has a remaining balance of \$30,708.39 to be repaid in full in April 2025. The 2012 NH Municipal Bond

Bank has several payments to go and will be paid off in 2037. Shaun Bresnahan also stated in order to apply for grant funding we need to have an Asset Management Plan which we can now obtain with the Diamond Mapping Software we have. Government grants are with a match percentage for example a 40% to 60% depending on the scope of the project. This upgrade could be treated like bridge repairs and have the taxpayers help with the repairs to the water infrastructure for the town. The residents outside out the village all use the water system whether it be with the school system or the of the fire department using the trucks to carry water from the hydrant to the fire location. This needs to be discussed with the town and voted to approve.

Stephen Thomson researched the placement of individual wells if the system failed. Stephen stated that the zoning ordinance for the village results in lots that are not big enough to have residents but in their own wells because septic systems would be too close.

Stephen Thomson has possibly two nominees for Water Commissioners. The first one is Charles Estes and second Scott Drapeau. Scott would not be available until later in the summer. Shaun Bresnahan thought Charlie would be a good addition but doesn't see how things would work with either Frank or himself as a commissioner. Charlie has stated directly and through social media that Frank and I are perpetual liar's. There has to be a certain amount of trust to work together and I don't see that as being possible. Stephen would have to be the third member in this scenario. Frank Razzaboni made the case for commissioners being users of the system since they are impacted by the financial decisions.

Stephen feels Charlie is smart; and Stephen stated he can work with anybody.

Depending on what course the commissioners decide to go the need to review the current rates. Current Rates yield about \$136,650 and we are currently pumping 16 million gallons of water. The rates now are \$58.00 flat rate and \$.258 per gallon used. Shaun Bresnahan will review the water rates spreadsheet that Tom Seymour provided to see if small incremental increases are needed.

Shaun Bresnahan reminded Stephen and Frank that we have a water tank inspection in 2024 the last inspection was done in 2019 and needs to be done every 5 years. Gerry Desrochers mentioned that the tank is very good condition.

Hydrant flushing will be coming soon. The Water Commissioners need to meet with the Fire Department to discuss a schedule.

Lisa Seymour asked about the required water system confidence report that is required by NH DES. PSI is working on it and we can add a comment of up to 50 words; need to provide PSI with it by 4/30/23. The reports will be mailed to the users of the Hill Water System and wellhead protection area. Shaun Bresnahan will contact Pump Systems regarding the reports.

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, Shaun Bresnahan made the motion to adjourn the meeting Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Shaun Bresnahan,

Frank Razzaboni

Stephen Thomson

