

Water Commission Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2007; 7:00 pm
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room
REVISED

CALL TO ORDER: 7:07 p.m.

PRESENT: James McLaughlin, Raymond Bahr, Bill Milardo, Catherine DeNunzio, Renee P. Edwards, Patricia Crowley

ABSENT: Robert Dynia and Brad Wilkinson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA. ALL AYES

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2007 AS AMENDED BY PATRICIA CROWLEY AND SECONDED BY BILL MILARDO. Three Aye; 2 Abstain: J. McLaughlin, C. DeNunzio

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2007 BY PATRICIA CROWLEY AND SECONDED BY CATHERINE DENUNZIO. 4 Aye; 1 Abstain: Raymond Bahr

WATER PROJECT UPDATE - FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

J. McLaughlin reported that Bruce Sheridan (DECD) conducted an audit of the water project. All appeared to be in order. SIMA Well Drilling and JJ Brennan are still resolving payment on work for the generator that was installed when the motors supplying the wells were inadvertently disconnected. The generator was needed to supply water to the Fair grounds, which was being used at that same time.

J. McLaughlin explained that Weston and Sampson haven't resolved payment for work done to replace pipes to the Durham Fair grounds. They have accepted some of the responsibility for the installation of the incorrect size pipe. Dan Lesnieski from Connecticut Water Company believes that there is still enough money in the water project budget to compensate for some of the work that was done.

B. Milardo reported that the previous wells used to supply water to Durham Center haven't been abandoned, yet.

WATER COMPANY FINANCIALS

P. Crowley reviewed the current water company budget. When expenditures vs revenue was compared based on annual budget projections, P. Crowley concluded that the company is doing better than expected. Currently, there is a deficit of \$4,367.45; however, several bills totaling \$7,185.38 were bills that should have been paid during the last fiscal year but were delayed. The town's finance officer is still resolving what carryover funds might be available to offset the current deficit partly created by these bills.

BILL APPROVALS

Discussion was held on which expenses related to water system construction should be paid by the grant. J. McLaughlin will contact Larry Wagner, Grant Administrator, on the following questions:

1. The DPH required water quality testing before putting the new water system on line (bacteria and physical). This cost \$145.80. The pump station start up cost \$180.00. Can these be paid for from grant money?
2. The installation of a phone line for monitoring the instruments at the pump station cost \$75.00. Can this be paid for from grant money?
3. Since the system is now dependant on the new source of water (the wells on White Farm), the state also is requiring the town to do a Ground Water Under Direct Influence study. This is estimated to cost \$12,000. Can this be paid from grant money?

MOTION BY R. BAHR AND SECONDED BY B. MILARDO TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO SIMA FOR \$1,249.00. All Aye. (B. Milardo to call SIMA about well buy-back).

MOTION BY R. BAHR AND SECONDED BY B. MILARDO TO APPROVE PARTIAL PAYMENT TO CONNECTICUT WATER COMPANY FOR \$2,548.00. All Aye.

The remainder of payment to Connecticut Water was due to expenses related to supply of water to the Durham Fair during the week of the annual Fair (\$1,008.00 for licensed water tank drivers; \$1,468.50 for pump station generator, monitoring of pump station). This amount totals \$2,476.50. Because the town is responsible for supplying water to the Fair, the town should be responsible for all related expenses. The Board of Selectmen will bring this to the Board of Finance.

P. Crowley noted that the cost for the compressor for Trinity was well under original expectations.

MOTION BY P. CROWLEY SECONDED BY RAY BAHR TO APPROVE "CALL BEFORE YOUR DIG" PAYMENT OF \$144.00 COST OF LABOR AT 6 MAIN STREET 9/26/07.

After review and discussion decision made to hold off on other invoice items pending clarification as to whether cost might be covered by grant money since they seem to be construction completion related.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Noted expiration of term of commission member P. Crowley, December 3, 2007. She indicated she is willing to continue to serve. The new board of selectmen will appoint 2 members in January 2008.

Bill Milardo reported continuing problem of bacteria in water at Trinity Elderly Housing. Measures to correct the problem; new well cap, flushing, repeated chlorination, have not completely corrected the problem. Well Number 2, the problem well, has been temporarily taken off line. Water from Well Number 1 will suffice on its own for now. Monitoring will continue.

Discussion on subject of the Ground Water Under Direct Influence study required by the DPH for the Fair Association wells. The cost, if only one well per quarter must be sampled is estimated at \$8,000.00 total. The cost totals if both wells are required to be tested would be \$12,000.00. Bill Milardo will follow up on the matter, seeking additional information.

Discussion of letter from DEP to J. McLaughlin, First Selectman, Town of Durham, regarding Durham Center Water System and Durham Fair usage beyond the 50,000 gallon per day limit. The letter reminds the First Selectman that a water diversion permit is required when usage exceeds that limit. No action was taken.

P. Crowley requested that the following be written into the record: The cost to the Fair Association for standby water supply over the 3 day fair, if the cost had been charged, would have been approximately \$1,230.00

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:46 P.M. BY BILL MILARDO SECONDED BY RAY BAHR. ALL AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Edwards, Secretary