

Plainfield Water/Waste Water Commission

Meeting Minutes for August 15th, 2016

Present: Tim Phillips, Greg Chamberlin, Carol Smith, Jim Jamele, Mary Lane

5:05 PM - Meeting called to order.

Agenda was created and approved

Minutes for 07/18/2016 meeting were not approved as they had not yet been reviewed

NOTE: Jim Jamele was delayed and arrived at 6:05PM

Resource Management Report by Greg

- Greg distributed packets of information to be reviewed by the Commission members

- there was discussion about the feeling that a Public Works director who would oversee Water/Waste Water/Roads and Stormwater to provide a comprehensive approach to problems may be the long-term solution that the Commission will continue to explore and bring to the Select Board.

- one of Greg's packets is for a new style of water treatment system that promises to be able to deal with the increasing requirements of the state while being much cheaper to upgrade to and operate. There was considerable interest in this by everyone.

Chief Facility Operator's Report

- the School Street cast-iron line that has been recently discovered will cost approximately \$200,000 to replace. There is about \$100,00 left in the grant. We can't really use that money to get ½ of the work done now. Practically, we will get less than ½ of the line replaced due to the fixed contracting expenses. Greg sees this as a project on a 2-3 year timeline

- the Barre Hill line won't fall under the current grant. Greg sees this as a near-term problem.

- there are other old lines on the Brook Road and a section on East Hill. At the moment, Greg is not seeing them as a problem.

- Greg changed out the PVR at James Jamele's house in Martin Meadow. There was a substantial improvement in flow. The PVR Greg removed shows no signs of blockage. Greg would like to find another Martin Meadow resident to see how changing their PVR affects things. He would also like to do Tim's house (which is at a higher elevation) and a user on Route 2 who is reporting a low flow situation. AJ Prescott has so far attributed the problems with flow to blockages in the lines feeding each house.

- Loona Brogan (the Cutler Memorial Librarian) called to see if the library could get a well and leach-field so they can install laundry services. Greg explained that the footprint of the property is too small for a leach-field. He asked to be sent specifics about hours of operation and size of washing machines. The Commission is aware of the interest in town of having laundry services available. The understanding of how state statute applies to the impact fees for laundries may be updated. Modern, high-efficiency appliances coupled with limited hours of operation may make it possible to accommodate this request at a price the library can afford.

- Greg has the permit to uncover manholes that the state buried years ago. He is hopeful that nothing expensive to fix is discovered when these areas are accessed.

- the lawns of Nancy Martin and the Matthews are still not fixed.

Other Business

- There was discussion about doing something to represent the WW/WW Department and Commission at the Old Home Days.

The warrants were signed.

The date of the next meeting is September 19, 2016

The meeting adjourned at 6:53PM

Submitted by Tim Phillips