

Minutes – Egremont Water Meeting 8 November 2018

Egremont Town Hall ó 10:30 AM

Present: S. Agar; R. Palmucci; G. Lanoue; J. Sharrow, USDA; W. Brinker

USDA Grant

Jennifer Sharrow from USDA in Hadley brought final contracts and assurances to be signed; the engineering firm has been apprised of the availability of the grant funds. There is a possibility of the costs to be expended and the engineering firm will wait for USDA for payment rather than a reimbursement situation for the Town. A demographics survey will be sent to all users so the USDA can track them. There have been some changes in the EJCDC; the engineering firm is aware of those changes.

General:

Minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting were approved as distributed.

Old Business:

October gallons pumped were 873,820; average 28,187 per day. Gallons billed vs. pumped was 74%. A large (4000 gpd) leak has been repaired on Pine Crest Hill Road.

Transmitters continue to be evaluated and replaced as necessary; meter maintenance continues.

Past due accounts have been making payments slowly but consistently; as a result of shutoff notice actions, all accounts are making efforts to bring those accounts up to date.

The Primary Operator is retiring Friday Nov 9. The Commissioners wish Jim Olmsted well in his future endeavors. The new Operator has received the T1 and D1 licenses; training hours have to be documented and forwarded to MA DEP.

New Business:

There will be a Special Town Meeting on December 11 for several items; two of those will be for engineering and installation of the corrosion control project at the plant.

Work on the retaining wall is progressing; the engineers are investigating.

A discussion took place regarding the FY 2020 budget; a revised budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous:

The warrant to the Accounting Officer was approved for the November billing commitment in the amount of \$18,618.00.

The next meeting will be Thursday December 13, 2018 at 3:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Brinker