

Minutes – Egremont Water Meeting 13 June 2019

Egremont Town Hall ó 3:00 PM

Present: S. Agar; R. Palmucci; G. Lanoue; N. Stalker; W. Brinker; J. Olmsted; Thomas Race

General:

Minutes of the May 9, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.

Old Business:

May gallons pumped were 852,110; average 25,300 per day.

Meter maintenance and transmitter replacement continues.

Past due accounts are still making payments slowly but consistently.

The new connection on Phillips Road has been completed and is online.

Correspondence from USDA has requested further information on the Preliminary Engineering Report.

Lead and copper sampling has completed for the second quarter; results have been sent to homeowners and forms submitted to DEP.

New Business:

Thomas Race inquired about the possibility of connecting a ten lot subdivision he is developing on Hillsdale Road. Because of the lead time for infrastructure improvement and system expansion engineering, it was suggested that private construction may be less expensive and occur faster than the Water Department could accomplish the connection.

An increase in water billing rates was discussed; it was voted to increase the current rates by seven and one half per cent as directed by DEP. A letter will be inserted along with the next billing cycle to advise customers of the increase which will begin with the September billing.

Mass DOT has requested information on infrastructure for the Main Street construction project. It is being explored and a response formulated for DOT.

Quotes for a locator have been received; the Viper Mag seems to be the best and least expensive for the Department's needs. There is money available for the purchase.

Ti Sales has offered to upgrade the software and maintenance agreement for the handheld meter reader; the cost will be \$2,193. This will allow for the reader to continue to be useful for another ten years.

The second turbidimeter has finally gone offline; a quote from Hach has been received for \$2,793. This head will tie in with the new controller purchased last year.

A portable chlorine/pH Colorimeter is needed for the plant; cost is approximately \$485.00.

Miscellaneous:

The warrant to the Accounting Officer was approved for the June billing commitment in the amount of \$17,269.50.

The next meeting will be Thursday July 11, 2019 at 3:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Brinker