

## **Minutes – Egremont Water Meeting 15 November 2019**

Egremont Town Hall ó 3:00 PM

Present: S. Agar; R. Palmucci; G. Lanoue; N. Stalker; W. Brinker; N. Kuntz

The Agenda was changed to discuss the location of the water supply line to 3 Buttonball Lane. A sketch was supplied by the owner to indicate the line passes through the Egremont Library property and under its parking lot. The owner is concerned about cold weather and possible freeze-up of the service line. In order for the NESC agreement to cover her service line, it was suggested that the Water Department also contract for NESC to cover the line to the Library. Discussion followed on another line with a similar situation on Town property. NESC will be contacted to discuss solutions.

### **General:**

Minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.

The Commission voted to reorganize; Gerard Lanoue was voted Chair of the Water Commissioners.

### **Old Business:**

October gallons pumped were 1,032,310; average 33,300 per day. Leak detection options are being explored with MRWA.

Another round of past due letters have been sent out; most customers are responding. There are a few properties against which the Department will begin the lien process.

USDA has not officially notified the Department of availability of funding. Notice should be coming soon according to a telephone conversation with the Gardner MA office.

Full certification and the renewal process have been discussed with the Division of Professional Licensure for N. Stalker. The license should be forthcoming.

The corrosion control system is up and running; system sampling has begun and all conditions specified in the correspondence from DEP have been completed. DEP will be notified of same.

Town Counsel will be contacted about properties needing liens.

### **New Business:**

Tighe and Bond Engineers forwarded an agreement to provide services for the new main supply line on South Egremont Road (Route 23). It was voted that the Department wait until being notified by USDA that the funding is in place before committing to the agreement.

Notice has been received from the US Bankruptcy Court in New York regarding the customer at 58 Main Street; a discharge has been granted to the Debtor; creditors cannot collect discharged debts. Counsel will be asked how to proceed with the outstanding balance; perhaps an abatement is necessary. The current tenant is keeping the account up to date.

After discussion, it was voted that the Water Department work with the Town's uniform supplier, UniFirst, to provide uniforms and jackets, etc. for the Operator.

Quotes will be solicited for tree and brush trimming around the treatment plant.

### **Miscellaneous:**

The warrant to the Accounting Officer was approved for the November billing commitment in the amount of \$18,254.70 (518,438 gallons billed).

The next meeting will be Thursday December 12, 2019 at 3:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Brinker