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Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 4/6/2017

9:30AM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker
Members present: Bob Parker; Brad Paiva; Paul Sadeck
Staff present: Keven Desmarais; Steven Chandler

Meeting being recorded by Paul Sadeck and Steven Chandler

South Main Street Filtration System Improvements

- Discussion includes:
 - Bob Parker states that the Commission would like to speak with John Friar, City of Fall River Water Division, to discuss some needs of Freetown relating to the improvements needed at the South Main Street filtration site.
 - Keven Desmarais had sent an email to John Friar with topics for discussion: water quality overall and water pressure on Innovation Way which will help the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission (FW&SC) proceed with the needs at the South Main Street filtration site. Keven calls John Friar who is not available so he then sends an email inviting him to a meeting Monday evening.
 - Keven will flow a hydrant and test water for THM every couple of weeks to help determine if the Town can by-pass the filter site for the time being until the MassDEP mandates can be implemented.
 - Ashland/ISP has a concern about stones in the water line for fire suppression so Keven Desmarais forwarded the concern to John Friar. John responded that it's the owner's responsibility to correct any problem to the system within the owner's property. The most likely reason the stones show up is due to the water line at Ashland/ISP being downhill and once the fire suppression line is brought above ground the stones will remain lower than the moving water. Keven feels that a strainer can be put on the main line and the stones won't move to the fire line. Keven is trying to provide help resolving this issue within the realm of the power of the FW&SC. He is trying to coordinate a meeting with Ashland/ISP and City of Fall River (CFR) so that they can both be on the same page as to what CFR requires for new meter install, etc. Paul Sadeck makes a motion write a letter, signed by the Freetown Water & Sewer Commissioners, that they want to set up a meeting with Fall River to discuss the Ashland/ISP issue and bleeding issue. Send in writing and by email. Brad Paiva 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.
 - Discussion of bleeding lines, how to, Fall River requirements, tracking log.

- Kim Fales, Town Accountant, joins the meeting.
 - Bob Parker requested information on retained earnings.
 - Submit a request for transfer of funds for the MassDEP mandated improvements of the South Main Street filter site which is a Capital project. Also, write a separate Article for the Annual Town Meeting 2017.
 - Discussion of how to budget for the proposed industrial businesses slated to come into town. The FW&SC may ratify the budget for the Fall Special Town Meeting if a company becomes operational before that meeting.
 - Kim recommends that the Commission go to the Finance Committee and request a reserve fund transfer. If the Finance Committee will not approve the transfer then submit an Article for the upcoming Special Town Meeting for using retained earnings to do the work mandated by the MassDEP. If the Commission finds that the funds received for the work are not needed for a building on the site, they may want to consider setting those funds aside for use to purchase water next fiscal year as part of the operating budget Article.
- Brad Paiva makes a motion to send to the Finance Committee, a reserve budget request transfer, due to the fact that the FW&SC does not have the funds to cover the chemical injection system and building at the filtration site located at South Main Street, based on the MassDEP. Paul Sadeck 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to include EPG quote with the request for funds transfer and send a copy to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Accountant. Brad Paiva 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Chandler and Keven to write a request for transfer.
- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to adopt all of the minutes given to the Commissioners today. Chandler corrected the year from 2016 to 2017. Brad Paiva 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Write a letter to John Friar at Fall River Water Division and send to Commissioners for approval.

Paul Sadeck makes a motion to adjourn. Brad Paiva 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Chandler
Senior Clerk, Freetown Water & Sewer Commission