



**TOWN OF FREETOWN
WATER COMMISSION**

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Minutes of the Water and Sewer Commission Meeting 04/10/2015

10:09 a.m. Meeting called to order

Members present: Bob Parker, Brad Paiva and Mike Pillarella

Staff present: Keven Desmarais, Nadine Dimond

-Discussion re: issues with pipes and history of pipes. Initially there was a lot of problems getting water line on Elm Street bridge. Saw an opportunity after a request from an industrial developer to have water on Copicut Rd. There's 2 issues 1. The railroad tracks & 2. The bridge. The most difficult of the 2 was the tracks and a cost of approximately \$100,000 to tunnel under the tracks and a time frame of 2 years to get permission to do that. 2 weeks ago we met with the people doing the work that is contracted by MBTA. Outcome of the meeting was that if we purchased the equipment to go under the tracks, the pipes and sleeves they will put it in. They gave us the state specifications of what the materials needed to be. We met with local contractors to get individual prices on all the materials. There are multiple suppliers for different parts. We asked the company doing the work LMH to order the parts for us so they have the parts on hand and they agreed to do that as long as we pay. Total amount is \$38,000 broken down to 3 different locations. We had hoped the town would help pay for this since all was on board at the last meeting. One of the Board of Selectmen (Selectman Sadeck) at the last meeting said this should be put on the town meeting as an article for the town to pay for it instead of our customers. This is capital improvement and will benefit everyone. We can not go out to bid to have another contractor do this because this is being done for no cost to the town except for the materials. If we did not move on this now and waited it would cost \$100,000-\$125,000 per railroad crossing. The Selectmen all got copies of the costs from LMH 2-3 weeks prior

-Keven states the Board of Selectmen have invited Water Commission to their meeting on Thursday April 16, 2015 at 3:00.

Keven states that the pipes can be used for water and sewer so we can take ½ out of water & ½ out of sewer retained earnings. The Accountant agreed this can be done.

-Need to amend with the time that Paul Sadeck came in as he was not there for the whole meeting. Motion to accept amended version of March 27, 2015 meeting minutes made by Bob, Brad 2nd passed unanimously

-Discussion re: filter site return to service. Keven states the end of next week they will start putting them back on line.

-Discussion re: complaint from someone about estimated bills and the \$85.00 read fee if an actual read is requested after an estimated bill is sent out. Bob made motion to change the fee to \$35 for tenant read with a letter on letter being sent out with current read 2nd by Brad. Passed unanimously

-Bob asked about the new meters at Stop & Shop & if they work. Keven stated they are working.

-Mike discusses his meeting with Tiverton re: Fall River agreement. It's almost identical except for quantity of water. Mike wants board to review his revisions and discuss it at next meeting. Mike will give a copy to Jack to forward to Selectmen to review before meeting next Thursday. The only change we want with New Bedford is to bill quarterly not monthly.

-Discussion re: proposed articles Keven needs to get exact \$ amount. We are bringing in the \$ but our expenditure we will exceed so we need to go to Special Town Meeting to get a reserve fund transfer from our Water Enterprise retained earnings.

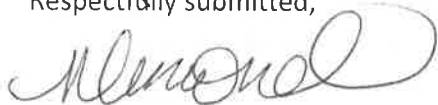
-Discussion re: Keven's hours. Hold off on making request of Personnel Board to change hours

-Discussion re: Nadine's hours. Brad states Jack was supposed to come down to speak with Nadine about what she needs. Brad made motion to send Jack a reminder to Jack to discuss this 2nd by Bob.

-Brad would like to get copies of any interoffice emails that come in to Water Dept. Mike states that's not a problem. There is supposed to be an email for everyone thru Town Hall. Keven will check into this.

Motion to adjourn by Mike, 2nd by Bob all in favor 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Nadine Dimond