



WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 8/7/2020

Meeting held remotely viz Zoom

11:00AM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker
Members present: Bob Parker; Paul Sadeck; Lee Baumgartner
Staff present: Steven Chandler; Keven Desmarais

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Articles for Fall Special Town Meeting . October 2020

- Bob Parker opens meeting at 11:01AM
- The First Article is to pay water bills for FY2019 and FY2020 in the amount of \$304,692.87 to the City of Fall River.
 - Discussion welcomed about the monies owed to City of Fall River for outstanding water bills accumulated.
 - Paul Sadeck states that the figures Fall River provided to the FW&SC look accurate.
 - Keven confirms that these figures are based on the information for bleeding that was given to Fall River. We were withholding payment to Fall River until the FW&SC received the credit for allotted bleeding.
 - Chandler states that the figure he entered on the Article to pay Fall River is the balance of funds needed to be appropriated at Town meeting after the amount of funds set aside applied by Kim Fales.
 - He outlines the timeframe for water bled and the credit amount given from Fall River.
 - Paul Sadeck reads Articles and it is decided that the explanations will be rewritten and sent to Commissioners for approval. Keven will re-write and Chandler will send to Commissioners.
 - Paul Sadeck makes a motion to adopt the article to pay for water charges \$304,692.87 to the City of Fall River, with the changes to be made to the explanation. Lee Baumgartner 2nd. All in favor. Roll call taken. Motion carried.
- The Second Article to pay Sewer bills for FY2020 in amount of \$57,860.93 to the City of Fall River.
 - There was not enough funds put in the budget line item for FY2020 due to Fall River sending estimated bills and not true readings.

- Lee Baumgartner makes a motion to adopt the article to pay for sewer charges \$57,860.93 to the City of Fall River, with the changes to be made to the explanation. Paul Sadeck 2nd. All in favor. Roll call taken. Motion carried.
- The Third Article is from Kim Fales which increase the original amount of \$665,935.00 in the Water-Sewer Enterprise Fund, originally voted on at Annual Town Meeting in June 2020, to \$669,294.00.
 - Paul Sadeck reads Article and states it's to revise original budget. Keven confirms.
 - Paul Sadeck makes a motion to adopt the article as written. Lee Baumgartner 2nd. All in favor. Roll call taken. Motion carried.
- Paul Sadeck states he is meeting via conference call with Environmental Partners on 8.11.20 to further discuss rate study information.
- Chandler asks Board to acknowledge and accept the information sent from City of Fall River regarding total water used, total bled, and total credit as outlined on the spreadsheet they provided.
 - Paul Sadeck makes a motion to accept the figures provided by City of Fall River up until 6.29.20. Lee Baumgartner 2nd. All in favor. Roll call taken. Motion carried.
 - Bob asks Chandler if interest was charged on past due bills and Chandler let him know that there was no interest was charged for any bills from Fall River.

Paul Sadeck motion to adjourn at 11:39AM. Lee Baumgartner 2nd. All in favor per roll call. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Chandler
Senior Clerk
Freetown Water & Sewer Commission