



WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 10/23/2018

Meeting held at Council on Aging, 227 Chace Road, East Freetown, MA

6:31PM Meeting called to order by Paul Sadeck
Members present: Paul Sadeck; Brad Paiva
Staff present: Keven Desmarais; Steven Chandler
Absent: Bob Parker, Commission Chair

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Land at Ashland/ISP

- Keven Desmarais states that the parcel Ashland which is being donated to the Town is currently classified as “registered land” and therefore cannot be conveyed to the Town until it is changed to “recorded land” with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds.
- Eric Morin of Ashland is working on the reclassification with their real estate department and will contact Keven when that has been completed.
- Bob Parker had suggested to Keven that perhaps Ashland would lease the land to the Town until the land is “recorded” with the Registry of Deeds, for the purposes for complying with MassDEP requirements.
- Keven Desmarais had submitted a copy of the land agreement to MassDEP and let them know that Town Counsel has the agreement to review and return for the Board of Selectmen to sign if they approve. Keven hasn’t heard anything yet.

New Bedford Water Agreement

- Bob Parker responsible for this but is not here to give a report.

Sewer Meter at Town Line

- As stated in the most recent Inter-municipal Agreement with City of Fall River, The Town of Freetown is solely responsible for all repairs and maintenance of this wastewater meter.
- Having a contract with WhiteWater, Inc., Keven Desmarais asked them for and received an estimate for the work needed. The estimate is for the amount of \$9,468.00 and at the recent Town Meeting funds were approved to be transferred from retained earnings to the maintenance budget line item which was submitted in an article, in part, due to the need for the sewer meter replacement.
- Brad Paiva makes a motion to accept WhiteWater’s quote and hire them to do the work. Paul 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Chandler shall draft a letter to Town Administrator David DeManche, Procurement Officer, on behalf of the Commissioners stating that they voted to approve the project.

Equipment for Truck

- Keven Desmarais is requesting a new water line locator for accuracy in marking out lines. The current locator is like a metal detector and is not completely accurate. This would allow any discrepancies in water line plans to be eliminated.
- Currently, Keven calls Warren Verga to arrive on site with his equipment to locate water lines at the cost of \$150.00-\$300.00. Having the locator would save money and time in the long run.
- Brad Paiva makes a motion to let Keven Desmarais purchase a locator for no more than \$3,000. Paul Sadeck 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Results of Warrant Articles for Special Town Meeting

- All articles were voted on and approved by residents.

Workshop

- Chandler had forwarded information about a workshop titled Financing Sustainable Water to Bob Parker. It includes ideas to “develop rate structures and successfully balance revenue management.”
- Bob Parker had requested this be included on today’s meeting agenda. Bob is not here.

GPS Training

- Chandler has coordinated with Waypoint representative Jonathan Cobb to be at Town Hall on Friday, October 26, 2018 to conduct training on the Trimble GPS equipment.
- All Board and staff will attend the training.

Regular Business

- Approve minutes:
 - 9.11.18 meeting was cancelled
- Abatements
 - Brad Paiva makes a motion to approve. Paul Sadeck 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Signed bills
- Brad Paiva makes motion to adjourn at 7:09PM. Paul Sadeck 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Chandler
Senior Clerk
Freetown Water & Sewer Commission