



**TOWN OF FREETOWN  
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## Minutes of the Water and Sewer Commission meeting 01/22/2016

10:03 a.m. Meeting called to order

Members present: Mike Pillarella and Bob Parker

Staff present: Keven Desmarais and Isabel Ferreira

Discussion – They go over bills, sign them and discuss how Whitewater is billing us.

Mike P. goes over meeting minutes for 01/08/2016 – request that we change the service fee to reflect the amount that it was (\$13.69 to the new fee \$3.69). That will be changed in minutes by senior clerk. All in favor – Passed unanimously- Minutes approved

Discussion re: - GPS purchase. Keven got some quotes on it and says it would be \$8500.00 to purchase it. It's a hand held- those are lighter and easier to use. Bob P. asks if we have the money to buy it. Keven D. says yes we do but in a different line item. Keven D. will get the information on where we have the money and see if we have to go through FinCom to get a transfer. Mike P. asks if they are selling old ones- Keven D. says they are trading them in. Keven D. will get the figures of used ones for the next meeting.

Mike P. asks when next meeting will be. Keven D. says February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Discussion on letter that was written up by Keven D. for the Selectmen regarding making the clerk position a full time position. Mike P. says first question they'll ask is if we have the money for it. Keven D. says we do have the money in the budget and he will put in letter that we do. Bob P. says that it should be taken right to them.

Bob P. asks if we have heard from the Town Administrator regarding Fall River Negotiations. Keven says no. Bob P. says he will reach out to Attorneys at Kopelman and Paige himself.

Mike P. - We need to finish water agreement with New Bedford.

Mike P. – Have we had any luck getting meters. Keven D. – yes I have met with HD Supply, Paul Gunning and we have purchased some through them already. HD Supply and Mike Warden will both be coming down in few weeks. They will work on getting credit for the ones that stopped working due to battery issues. There have been a lot of bad meters.

Mike P. –discussion on possibly purchasing a windows surface pro for Keven D. Keven D. says that HD Supply has own software that would help us monitor our system.

Discussion on new hydrants. Keven D. would like to change regulations regarding installation requirements and that developers should put in hydrant markers when they are putting hydrants in. Mike P. makes motion to modify installation requirements by developers. Bob P. 2<sup>nd</sup> Passed.

Keven D. - Had conversation with AmeriCann to see what there temporary needs are. My biggest concern is backflow prevention. Keven D. is meeting with them next week and will discuss this with them.

Motion to adjourn @ 11:10 by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob. Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Isabel Ferreira