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Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 3/23/2018

Meeting held at Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main St, Assonet, MA

9:00AM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker at 9:06am.
Members present: Bob Parker; Paul Sadeck; Brad Paiva
Staff present: Keven Desmarais; Timm McIntosh
Others present: Town Administrator David DeManche, Selectman Lisa A. Pacheco, Ryan Trahan of Environmental Partners, Rev. Curtis Dias.

Meeting being recorded by Paul Sadeck and Timm McIntosh

Proposed Chace Road Water Line Project

- Rev. Dias had expressed some concerns about the Chace Road water line project, and requested a meeting with the FW&SC and Mr. Trahan. He was supplied with Mr. Trahan's analysis paperwork before the meeting. Rev. Dias says this was very helpful and thanks Mr. Trahan for his highly professional work so far.
- Mr. Trahan goes over his analysis, speaking specifically to the need for booster stations to increase fire flow to the elementary school, police station and other buildings. Mr. Sadeck asks Rev. Dias to relay the concerns he's relayed privately.
- Rev. Dias speaks to a "soft spot" in "The Village" section of Braley Road, where the map provided by Mr. Trahan highlights a drop in pressure. Mr. Trahan explains that this is due to elevation, but the project would allow for modifications to up the pressure.
- Rev. Dias asks about a loop to the water line. Mr. Trahan says a loop is great for redundancy, but the project is already a great expenditure, that would only add to the cost. A water tank is also discussed, which Mr. Trahan says would add \$2.5-3.5M to the cost at this time. It is noted that a loop (likely down Bullock Rd.) or tank can be added as a later project.
- Rev. Dias is concerned about leakages and breakage along Braley Road if this project goes forward. Mr. Desmarais says the chance is there currently, as this project would essentially just move the end of the line.
- Selectman Pacheco says Braley Road has been kept in mind from the beginning on this project. She had Mr. Trahan do the analysis on the impact to Braley Road long ago.
- Rev. Dias thinks a public informational meeting, with letters sent out to anyone affected, would be a great benefit for this project. He says he is in favor of the project, but word needs to get out. He would also want to see an engineer stamping the plans. Selectman Pacheco says the Board of Selectmen didn't plan the informational sessions earlier because they were so excited about the project, they didn't fully anticipate the possible opposition to the project.