

Minutes of the March 13th, 2013 Water Commissioners' Meeting

Present: Mac McLachlin, Marcia Graham, Peter Hilton and Tom Mason

The preparation of Consumer Confidence Reports was discussed. Because LRW has all of the pertinent information and has the template they will continue to prepare. The cost last year was for \$350 for Franconia and \$350 for Mittersill. The prepared sheets will then be given to the Town Office to be mailed to each customer. These can be ready by the April billing so they can be included in the bill to reduce the cost of postage.

Can LRW do the April read as Kris from EJP is no longer able to do our reads. The zero reads must be tended to right off when the reading is done. A zero read is not acceptable unless we are 100% sure there is no occupancy. It was discussed that maybe the water to these houses with no occupancy could be shut off at no fee for peace of mind. Peter can also start working on the meters as far as repairs go. He has the knowhow on rebuilding them as long as parts are available. Marcia will look at our contract with EJP and give LRW a copy.

The LRW contract was reviewed as a lot of additional items are not included in the monthly operator fee. Flushing, repairs, meter turn/off and meter installs are all additional items. All items on the bills are explained and accounted for.

The roof at the pump station at Franconia will need some attention. The snow is falling off the roof right onto the ground in front of the door. Mac will line up a contractor.

The buildings on the slope at Mittersill were discussed. The two present Water Commissioners feel that we need to move forward on the project with all the possible new development in the area. Something needs to be put around the current wells to block them off. A survey will need to be taken to find a convenient location to relocate the building. The new pump station will be turnkey – 17x20 – generic sided building, either wooden or steel. Bruce is already working on the engineering according to LRW. Tom will work on putting together a more thoughtful estimate/proposal.

The well near the Mittersill Fire House was discussed. At some point, testing will be done on the water in the well as it is currently not used. The state does regulate how much water can be drawn from the well.

Pete had a list of several items that still need attention. Mac and Pete will work to get these items taken care of – River Street, Gate box, Hydrant at Cole Hill, Dow Academy shut off is bent over, Franconia Water System blow off, valve location, Mittersill valve locations, valve at 15 Main Street, and the lead and copper reporting.

Discussed how lava had been used in the past to control ph and alkalinity.

Mac will be out of town starting April 4, 2013 for a couple of weeks. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Secretary to the Water Department.