

**recFRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2016**

The Franconia Water Commissioners met for the March 1, 2016 Meeting at the Franconia Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Members Present: Marcia Graham, Ray Peltier & Rich (Mac) McLachlin

There was a discussion of the electricity usage in all the locations under the control of the Water Commission. We are still sorting out the total bills. The bills appear to be extra high. Facilities will be checked.

We are working to replace the existing Sensus meters with the new Badger Meters. We are replacing them in batches as they arrive. Badger Meters are completely waterproof, which is an important change. The McGowan & Howe locations will be in shortly and then we will end on the Howe Meters. 51 new Badger meters have been installed so far. Peter Hilton from Lakes Region Water Service (LRW) is ready to flush hydrants March 18 - 22nd and then March 25 - 27th. Notices will be posted.

At Mittersill Peter will be changing a couple of old water hydrants.

Starting within the month we will be doing some work around the Mittersill Inn. The work entails digging around to find pipes and updating several outside projects which must be done. We will be working during the Inns quieter weeks.

Meter rates - We will be checking our customers to make sure that all businesses, big or small, will have a commercial rate and residential accounts will remain as is.

We will be working with an engineering firm to develop a plan to deal with necessary changes when and if Northern Pass comes thru town.

We clarified that the town is responsible for water mains and property owners are responsible for service lines.

Water Commissioners will speak to the Selectmen at their meeting on March 14, 2016 at 3:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 10am.