

Minutes of the April 9th, 2013 Water Commissioners' Meeting

Present: Mac McLachlin, Marcia Graham, Bill Downey

Mac and Marcia have been working on revising the protocols and have set a tap fee of \$1500 plus materials. Disconnects/Reconnects will be \$65.00. Marcia will continue to revise and bring any proposed changes to the meetings.

Discussed was charging the Fire Department a maintenance fee for the use of the hydrants connected to the water system. Flushing of the hydrants was discussed. Who is the best person or company to do this? From now on it will be done with 1 person if possible and will be done during the day. No need to flush the hydrants at night time.

The pricing difference for the meter that was put in at Mittersill was discussed.

The VAS contract was reviewed and discussed. (This contract includes leak detection.) The contract was signed by Marcia. The Commissioners would like for EJP to come in and review stock and get rid of all the lead containing fixtures as they soon will not be able to be used.

Lead and Copper reporting was discussed. Stantec is working on a plan to reduce lead and copper in the water and this plan must be filed with NH DES by 4/15/2013. Rene Labranche from Stantec has spoken with the Three Water Commissioners as well as Peter Hilton from LRW. All of these above mentioned people were in agreement of his plan being submitted to NH DES. Previously we had used lava out of Canada to help control lead and copper coming from the water spring. At this point the Commissioners will wait to hear back from Rene, the results of plan submitted. Cost for this plan is approximately \$12,000 to rectify this situation.

The telemetry system should be put in this spring. Marcia will confirm with Rene at Stantec that this is out to bid.

The buildings on the slope at Mittersill were discussed although we have not been approached to move them. Bill was under the understanding that the Commissioners had worked out and submitted a plan that would allow bits of work to be completed into 2016 so they could stay within budget and not have to ask the Town for money to do this project. The current plan held by Stantec calls for a timeframe. Discussed was to hurry or not to move off the slopes. Bruce Lewis has submitted a turnkey proposal for \$212,000. Stantec has an estimate for \$496,500 over a three or four year period. Mac says, "get off the slope now, it will save us money in the long run." Any future development at Mittersill will need to find their own water source. **After discussion a plan will be established and will be put out to bid for moving the buildings off the slopes.** Raising the rates to complete this project is not an

option. The rates in some cases were more than doubled when the meters were installed. Bill would like to move slowly and in steps to complete the project using reserve money as it's available. There was some discussion that maybe the Select Board should take over the duties of the Water Commissioners. The maintenance of the water system was never taken into account, only the building of it. Also discussed was not doing anything at this time and waiting for "them" to come and tell us we need to get the buildings off the slopes.

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Mac will be out of town starting April 4, 2013 for a couple of weeks. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

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