

Minutes of the December 16, 2013 Water Commissioners meeting. This meeting was open to all taxpayers of the town.

Members present: Marcia Graham, Ray Peltier, and Mac McLachlin.
Also, Pete Hilton, water operator from LRW

The main item on the agenda was to discuss an increase in the water rates. Since we began generating water bills based on water usage, we have been able to pay our bills and put some money in our reserve fund. 2013 was the first year that we spent more money than we raised from the water rents. In July, the NH Department of Environmental Services inspected our pump stations on Magowan Hill and at Mittersill and informed us that we had to replace the pump station at Mittersill NOW. The buildings at Mittersill were badly deteriorated and we had planned to replace that pump station in 2014-2016 when our reserve fund had been built up.

LRW, the company that operates our water system won the bid and began the project on the first of September. The building was completed, all equipment was installed and the pump station was operational by the first week of November. Extra work had to be done before and after construction: trees had to be removed, piping had to be installed to connect the wells to the pump station and other large and small expenses. By the end of December the project will have cost the town \$291,000. The commissioners voted to maintain the basic meter charges but to increase the water usage rate from \$0.88 per 100 gallons to \$1.00 per 100 gallons.

Pete Hilton asked if we could discuss and list the proposed projects that had to be addressed in the near future:

- Remove the water line that runs under the Mittersill Inn.
- Remove the 2 old buildings on the slopes that served as the pump station.
- Flush the hydrants and blow offs.
- Replace the gate valves on Pioneer Road and on Sunset Ridge Road.
- Dig out shut offs on I-93 ramp.
- Remove trees around the Magowan Hill storage tank.
- Work on corrosion control.
- Install dehumidifiers where needed.
- Wash and seal Mittersill storage tank and install a ladder.
- Locate and repair curb stops.
- Try to sell the ductile pipe stored at Magowan Hill.
- Consolidate things stored at the Mittersill fire station. Separate the bays and secure one for the water department supplies.
- Continue leak detection.
- Install a length of pipe at the intersection at the Mittersill Inn.