

Franconia Water Department

Monthly Meeting

Minutes August 9, 2018

Meeting began at 7:59am

Minutes from June 14, 2018 meeting approved

In attendance: Commissioners Joan Hartford, Darrel Dietlein and Richard McLachlin, Secretary Meaghan Caron, Peter Hilton, LRW

Additional Community members in attendance: Jeff Bartlett, 34A Sunset Ridge Road; Greg Russell and Thad Presby from Presby Construction; Kevin Johnson from Gale River Motel

Jeff Bartlett: speaks first. His home at 34A Sunset Ridge Road was flooded when his daughter arrived to their property on July 21st. She called him to let him know. Jeff arrived on July 24th. He had called insurance prior to arrival. Presby came on Tuesday at 2:30pm. There is a sump pump under the floor. Where Pipe from street meets his plumbing Presby says pipe was pulled. Jeff was informed that there had been work done in front of the house approximately 3 weeks prior to his arrival. First floor is gutted. Demo has revealed asbestos under the tile on the first floor, this can't be fixed until August 20th. This is his 3rd trip up here since the start of the problem. Mold is contained at this point. Darrel pointed out that plastic housings can easily be cracked or altered by frost and that industry standards have shifted to using metal housings.

*****September 13, 2018 meeting minutes, see page 1, refer to additions/changes requested by Mr. Bartlett. *****

Ken Whitney: wants Water turned on at 793 Mittersill Annex. Water has been shut off. There is no meter in this house.

Kevin Johnson: He would like a more clearly defined rate sheet for commercial vs. residential customers. Kevin says he found 18 properties that are on AirBnB that are rental properties.

Review of abatement sent to Peter Gignac. He was asked to accept or decline the abatement offer in writing and he has not done so. Commissioners agreed that if he wants the credit he must respond in writing by August 31. Meg will send Peter Gignac a follow up email in regards to his abatement.

Presby : Thad Presby and Greg Russell joined at 8:30am to discuss proposed plans for a Septic System at 182 Mittersill. The plans require a waiver of setbacks required by the state. The water department must respond in writing so that Presby can file the plans accordingly. Commissioners agreed to give two options to make sure that all protective measures are taken:

Option 1: Flowable fill encasement OR concrete encasement of existing water line pipe(s). Encapsulation shall be one (1) foot beyond outer most point of the pipe(s) laterally and beyond the longitudinal limits of

the system itself by ten (10) feet. Option 2: Installation of a protective sleeve of fusion pipe extending ten (10) feet beyond the limits of the system longitudinally. Sleeve design and installation to be coordinated with Franconia Water Department. Presby Construction Inc. will be responsible for any cost incurred relating to this project by the Franconia Water Department. Furthermore, the plan must contain a covenant stating that any owner of the property will be liable for the cost of remediating any contamination caused to the Franconia Water System due to the septic system's failure.

Mittersill Project: So far cost has been \$39,029.00. We had the \$20,000 deposit with LRW which has been used up, leaving \$19,029.00. Pete thinks it will cost at least another \$5,000-\$6,000 to finish up the current projects, mostly from labor as we already have all of the fill and parts. Pete hopes to get this project done ASAP so as to get Mrs. Shambo and her brothers property tied back in. Joan says we should wait on the lower Road projects. Once we get this finished we will take a pause on the Mittersill projects. Pete says Mrs. Shambo has been very cooperative. Meg will call her to let her know that we will be in touch with a specific day for finishing tying her in to the main line.

Pete Projects: Alpine Clinic meter. Do we fill the pit $\frac{1}{2}$ way up with $\frac{3}{4}$ " stone to make the meter accessible OR do we pay hourly time to Chris and Pete to install in the basement...Mac and Pete to go up and make a decision.

Work Session began at 9:28:

Presby Septic: Most important is protecting our public water system. A cross connection causing contamination to the system would be disastrous therefore responsibility must be on the owner and any future owners of the home. Meg to have a letter drafted by lawyer to create verbiage for any failure of the system to be responsibility of the homeowner.

Option 1: Flow-able fill encasement OR concrete encasement of existing water line pipe(s). Encapsulation shall be 1 foot beyond outer most point of the pipe(s) laterally and beyond the longitudinal limits of the system itself by 10 feet.

Option 2: Installation of protective sleeve of Fusion pipe extending 10 feet beyond limits of the system longitudinally. Sleeve design and installation to be coordinated with Franconia Water Department. Presby will be responsible for any cost incurred relating to this project by the Franconia Water Department.

Also Meg will have our attorney Laura Morgan create legal verbiage stating that the water department will not be responsible for any failure of the system and the homeowner takes responsibility.

In regards to our rates Mac informs Darrel about our interest in hiring Stephen St. Cyr from Maine to come and assess our system and our rates . Meg to call Stephen St. Cyr of to set an appointment for meeting and review of our system.

Jeff Bartlett: Meg to respond to Mr. Bartlett in writing.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am