***Franconia Water Department***

***Monthly Meeting***

***Minutes June 14, 2018***

Meeting began at 8:49am

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

Additional Community members in attendance: Peter Gignac and Kevin Johnson from Gale River Motel

METERS: **7 Meters remaining**

**(**3) Homeowners never contacted me or responded to notice in billing. Jacobs, Clark and Shea

(2) Larson and Ferraro are awaiting 1” meters Scheduled for Friday 6/15 installations

(1) Alpine Clinic will be a larger project than we planned. Meter is currently in a pit that fills with rain water. It has been pumped out but still does not allow for easy access when servicing is needed. Pete would like to move the meter inside if possible. Do we fill the pit? Do we put the meter inside? We have to install after the building is closed for business. Pete estimates $1500-$2000 for the project. He and Chris will get together and go to the property and make a plan and then we will work together to schedule installation.

Pete will be here in the area these next couple of weeks so these projects will be taken care of.

(1) Hair Studio. Pete will determine the best approach to installation of this meter.

Peter Gignac: Peter brought report of meter readings from previous readings. Peter says he believes his changed by a factor of 10/multiple of 10. Can we prove his consumption liability from history?

Darrel suggests transcribe usage history into a spread sheet, consumption numbers, take a perspective had it followed the pattern.

Pete and Meg to look at the raw numbers from his readings in the past (handwritten numbers)

Based on national standards, 80 gall per person per day…

Current resolution: Meg to get history and to give numbers to make a comparison to back up the decision. Quantify the costs savings that he has had in the past. Cost comparisons.

Meg to call Avitar to talk about if and why numbers were adjusted

Camground/Gignac Vault: Gignac Family’s water can be shut off independently from the campground

**Kevin Johnson**: Kevins concerns are regarding his personal home , one rental house, Gale River Motel and 2 individual smaller rental units behind the motel. Kevin would like an explanation of why meters have had rates raised. Joan helps to explain how commercial and residential are defined. Kevin suggests billing the bulk based on consumption. Kevin asks how much do each of these meters cost? How often do they break down? Take entire cost of maintaining system to be broken down to meter rate. Then, costs of additional chemicals, maintenance etc to be billed as usage rate. Kevin Suggests putting a warrant article to the voters/taxpayers.

It was determined, per Kevin, that one of the smaller cabin’s water lines comes from the Motel and one water line comes from his home.

Points Kevin Johnson wants: Clear and concise explanation why the water commission does not allocate the fixed costs of the water system by the rate payers of the base fees with operating costs then being allocated through the use fee/gallon rate as a more fair and equitable billing process. ??

**Wants Income and expenses statement for the last two years from the water department.**

Joan explains that we don’t have town sewer and that the department’s deficit was caused by the 80% drop in rates last year.

Abatements signed for Mr. Walker and Mr. Eastman

Do we look to the future for installing a new curb-stop at Mr. Walker’s property line so as to avoid future abatement needs with water line freezing up?

Ian from Stiles Co. is coming up next week, June 20th to troubleshoot endpoints. We are in a “spotty” area as far as AT&T service goes. How do we bill properly when meters aren’t reading consistently? Meg will confirm the time he plans to be here and Joan and Mac and Darrel will try to be here to discuss the issues. Preferably before 11am

Meeting adjourned at 11:18am

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Caron, Water Department Secretary