

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 8, 2017

The Franconia Water Commissioners met on March 8, 2017 at the Franconia Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Members present: Richard McLachlin, Joan Hartford and Ray Peltier  
Also present: Pete Hilton from LRW

Invited guest: Scott Leslie, Road agent

Approved the minutes of the February 8, 2017 meeting.

We received the invoice from Goodrum Enterprises for the two new electric heaters for Mittersill (\$3,611.80).

We received the invoice from Trihedral Engineering for the SCADA software update for the village pump house (\$2,785.50).

The new computer and monitor at the Franconia village pump house is fully operational. We have not as yet received the invoice.

A sanitary survey was performed at the Franconia village water site on December 23, 1916 by the NHDES. A significant deficiency was the lack of a cross connection control program. Although a State approved cross connection control ordinance is not required, NH public water systems serving fewer than 1000 people are required to take appropriate action to prevent backflow conditions. This includes identifying all cross connection hazards which exist within the distribution system, ensuring hazard-appropriate backflow prevention devices are in place, and ensuring those devices are tested according to their required frequencies. All systems must have a dual check valve installed. The Franconia water department will be responsible to ensure that each system has a dual check valve installed but the individual taxpayer will be responsible to have the system checked by a licensed professional. We will provide the taxpayers with the names of people who are licensed to perform these inspections. Failure to do so may result in having the water shut off.

Other deficiencies noted: The Magowan and Gale spring boxes as well as the 350,000 gallon storage tank should be inspected at least once every 5 years. We will postpone the inspections until 2020, at which we will include the Mittersill storage tank in the inspections as well.

The inspector noted that more trees need to be taken down beyond the rear fence, but the town of Franconia does not own that land.

The inspector did not see our Emergency plan. LRW obtained a copy and has posted it on the wall in the pump house. The inspector was sent a picture of it and he accepted that we were covered.

Lead and copper sampling sites were discussed. NHDES strongly recommends that the school and daycare in town be added to the LCR and DBP sample sites.

Scott Leslie provided us with an approximate schedule of the roads at Mittersill that he wants to reclaim and repave in the next couple of years. We have many curb stops that need to be changed before the final paving. Many of these curb stops may actually be in the road bed.

We continue to have billing issues with the Badger meters not being compatible with the Avitar billing system. We will suggest that someone from the Badger IT department be in touch with someone from the Avitar IT department and discuss the compatible issues. We will invite a Badger representative and Holly Burbank to our April 12th meeting. Badger has suggested setting up a conference call with Badger, Avitar and Franconia present. Badger will provide Avitar with information about their system.

With Spring approaching, we need to make an effort to replace many of the old meters in town. Herbie will be asked to contact taxpayers and schedule appointments to have a plumber available for the exchange.

Delinquent accounts. We will create a procedure for notifying customers that their accounts are in arrears and that their water will be shut off if the bills are not paid by a certain date. We will study the law to be sure that we are within our rights.

The schedule of meetings for the next 4 months:

April 12th  
May 10th  
June 14th  
July 12th

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am

Ray Peltier  
Water Commissioner