

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2017

The Franconia Water Commissioners met on June 13, 2017 at the Franconia Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

Members Present: Joan Hartford, Ray Peltier & Rich McLachlin, Peter Hilton

Approved the Minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting.

Office Assistant - The Commissioners welcomed Herbie Bartlett as the new Office Assistant. Herbie, in her previous position, was the Water Secretary for the past two years.

Flushing of Fire Hydrants - The fire hydrants have been flushed. There is an old hydrant near the Best Western which is out of service. Pete will be removing it because there is another hydrant 50 feet up the street. There is one by Peabody and Smith which is okay but is of the same vintage as the one being removed. There is one near McKerley's Nursing Home that needs attention soon. There is also one by the children's center. We have a hydrant in stock and we are ordering another one.

Flushing of the hydrants went well but there are some problems. There are issues on Mittersill Road and Deer Pass Road. Mittersill Road had a complaint of dirty water. It flushes at the end of Woodchuck. It is yellow still and Pete flushed it every night for 20-25 minutes. It won't come clean. On Deer Pass there is a one inch line just past Pete Steven's house and that will not come clean. It must be the old galvanized line. Deer pass has a hydrant that doesn't work. We need a blow off at the end of the road. Pete will have a price per foot to replace waterline for the Commissioner's review. The town supplies the parts and LRW will supply the labor. Mittersill Road could be 2000 feet of waterline. Everything else comes up clean for the hydrant flushings.

Running temporary water lines will double the cost of the project. There is a big culvert that Pete will have to directionally drill under. They will install a 4 inch line with a two inch blow off. The cost will be \$57 per foot. The system will be down for a day. Regardless of the cost we have to do the water lines mentioned up at Mittersill.

Public Service Safety Building - Pete stated that the piece of water line at the Public Service Safety Building will cost \$60 per foot. He is placing a 6 inch sleeve to a 4 inch line. Peter will get a list of parts. We will need to put a blow off in half way between. They have to be out of the way possibly near the culvert.

Trees at the Tank - the Top Notch Tree Company is ready to do the work. Pete asked Eversource to turn the power off so that he could get the crane in there to remove the trees. Eversource will not shut off the power. One of the Commissioners will have to get on the phone to Eversource. There is an electric disconnect at the corner. Only one house and our water tank would be affected. It will cost \$2500 to get the trees cut.

Sanitary Service Connection - We will have to begin inspecting commercial buildings for cross connections, irrigations or pools. Anything that could back feed into the water system and contaminate. We do not want the risk of cross contamination. Customers will be

responsible if they do not have one they will have to put it in. It will have to be inspected every two years. The businesses that will have to be inspected will be The Best Western, Gale River Motel, Hillwinds, School, Mckerley's, Garnet Hill, Mac's Market, Stoney Brook, Plain Kates, and Alpine Clinic. We will have to make contact with them. This is supposed to be done by July. Pete believes we can get an extension on this. This would be at their cost. The paperwork will be printed up.

Miscellaneous - There is a meter issue at Plain Kates, Joan Cortese, & Dennis Pratt. There are about 16 other meters that are not reading. Dean Cibbotti's meter will be installed today. Also the Gawel's want their meter installed.

We will be working on getting the meter installs done. We want to work on the Academy Street area on June 22, 2017. Also Peter and Sparky will look at The Strand to prepare for the install. Herbie will schedule these appointments and coordinate with Pete and Sparky. They will be scheduled in half hour increments. Also a new meter will be installed for the Gale Well.

Badger Site - Meter Reader List - Pete will get with Herbie in regards to making changes to the list. He asked about 173 Lafayette Drive. This was being rented out and a new tenant is going in there. He also wants to change the name on the 74 Wallace Hill Road. Avitar is working on the interface with Beacon.

New Construction on Slalom Lane - Habitat for Humanity - We will bill \$1800 for the new install. Presby can install as they are working there.

Mittersill Pump Station - In January Stiles pulled out tanks. There was damage done. Ray spoke to Don Winget the Service Manager at Stiles and said he would fix it. This was on May 15th. Maggie Merrill the President of MACO had submitted a bill from Stan Parker for \$325 for the repairs done there on June 5th. The Water Department did not authorize her to do the repair. The Commission will not be reimbursing her we did not ask for her assistance with this matter. Stiles did the damage they were going to repair and when they got there the repair was done already.

Kay Whitcomb - The Commissioners want to recognize Kay for her years of service. Herbie will pick up a card for Kay.

Scheduled meetings:

July 12th

August 9th

September 13th

Meeting adjourned at 10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett

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