

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2017

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

Members Present: Joan Hartford, Ray Peltier, Peter Hilton, Rich “Mac” McLachlin.

Minutes: The minutes of July 12, 2017 & July 25, 2017 (Regular & Closed Session) were approved by majority vote.

Pete Hilton - will install the temporary water pipe at Mittersill after Labor Day Weekend. A date will be scheduled and notice will be issued via mail to the affected homeowners. It should take only one day of interrupted service to install the temporary water lines between the hours of 8am and 5pm. Public notice will be posted at the town hall and at the post office in the glass case to the right of the front door.

The temporary service pipe will belong to the town after this project is finished to be used again in the future.

Road Agent will not be putting black top down. It will remain dirt for the winter.

Ray Peltier - presented an estimate for tree removal around the water tank from Totally Trees. The estimate came in at \$1600 and the contractor will begin the project at his convenience. The Department had gotten estimates previously which were very high.

Mac McLachlin made a motion to hire Totally Trees to do the tree cutting around the water tanks, Joan Hartford seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

Mac McLachlin - shared that the town paved Harvard Street and they did leave the shutoffs exposed.

Miscellaneous - Pete stated he would try to have three new hydrants online before winter. Hydrants cost about \$3500 each.

Meters -The Water Department has installed quite a few Badger meters since June. The Water Department will continue to get as many meters installed as possible in the next few months. The Campground and Gignac’s will be installed after the Columbus Day when the campground is shut down. There are a few meters that need to be checked for back flow - Pratt & Grants. (Note to all Water Customers: If you have not scheduled a new water meter install please call Herbie at the Water Department at 823-7752.)

Stiles Bill - let Pete know when this bill comes in. He has ordered 65 or 75 meters and he did swapouts so there will be a credit forthcoming. No endpoints were order and there should be a credit for 2 inch meter.

Cross Connection - Pete spoke to Louis Ardornio - State of NH. The forms have to be in by the end of October for the cross connection. There will be no extensions allowed. Pete gave a list of businesses that would have cross connections. The customer would have to have a backflow connection installed and it has to be inspected by a certified inspector. Installation, maintenance and certified inspection would be at the customer's expense. The Department would have to inspect this after the certified inspection was done.

Pools, sprinkler systems, irrigation systems will need a backflow preventer. The Department will have to make inspection appointments after Pete submits the rules and procedures.

Building - to be built on the Dow to replace the tent. It is projected that there was going to be water installed to the building. Has anyone from that project contacted the Department? No one has.

Water Department Meetings - changed from a Wednesday to Thursday once a month - Herbie will change on the website. Office hours will be posted on the Water Page along with the next meeting date. The Water Department's office hours are Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8am to 10am and Wednesday from 2-4pm.

Scheduled meetings:

September 14th

Respectfully submitted,

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