

# **Franconia Water Department Work Session**

**Thursday October 22, 2019**

**Town Hall Meeting Room 10am**

In Attendance: Commissioners Joan Hartford and Dan Walker; Meaghan Caron, Water Department Secretary

Public in Attendance: Kevin Johnson, Gale River Motel

Dan motions to open the Work Session at 10:25 am. Joan seconds and the meeting begins.

Kevin Johnson asks to make a brief statement and says he agrees that the rates need to be raised in order to sustain the system. And, that the challenge of Municipalities is pointing out to people/rate payers the cost benefit of having clean water vs. drilling and maintaining one's own well. We are providing clean potable water that is accessible on demand. There is great value in the convenience of the system being taken care of for you vs. caring for your own well, additional electricity for pump etc.

Delinquent accounts for 2019 total: \$29,769.15

Delinquent totals for 2017 total: \$668.16

Delinquent 2018 totals: \$4468.33

After review of the existing steps taken by the department for water shut off, we will better monitor the customers who are delinquent

Joan speaks to not being able to match monies to Karen Foss's proposal for Asset management Grant for the energy commission.

Meg will check with Ashley from P&S accountant to see if it is better to vote in November or December for money to be moved to NHPDIP account with Tina, treasurer.

2021 -- Mittersill Tank Clean and Inspect inside and outside could total 35-40K. Money to be put in PDIP account to save for this.

A new ladder for Mittersill was estimated at \$18,000 in 2017 and will likely be \$20,000+ when we can afford it. Are there other options instead of a ladder?

Chlorine and Caustic line – for further review

There are a few potential new customers in the future that will help with income.

Parts and materials line will be discussed with Darrel. This is a line we can move current surplus to NHPDIP.

Dan motions to adjourn the work session at 12:36 Joan seconds and all are in favor.

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