

Franconia Water Department Monthly Meeting

Wednesday January 9, 2019

Town Hall Meeting Room 4:30pm

In Attendance: Water Commissioners Joan Hartford and Darrel Dietlein; Pete Hilton, Lakes Region Water; Meaghan Caron, Water Department Secretary

Public in Attendance: Kevin Johnson, Gale River Motel; Horizon Engineers Jon Warzocha and Joel Benozak

Meeting Began at 4:30pm Darrel opens the meeting

Minutes from December 12th, 2018 meeting approved. Darrel motions the approval and Joan seconds.

From Horizon Engineers Jon Warzocha and Joel Banozak introduce themselves. They provide a wide range of civil and environmental engineering and land surveying services in our area and are here to talk about what they do and to hear what we have in mind for the future and the projects we need to complete. Pete explains the work that would need to be completed in the Garnet Hill area of town and how the old lines come from behind the buildings that run down Main Street on the north end of town. We have some preliminary plans available. Jon states that they can put together a preliminary design to get a cost estimate once they have a look at the original plans. Self-funding the project vs. using state assisted (SRF) monies makes it much easier. Permitting from the state will be needed and Jon states that this project sounds pretty straight forward.

Jon recommends looking into the DES asset management program for water systems and programs. DES pays for 50% and an in kind match can be made by the municipality. Next round will be open in the spring.

Jon and Joel are thanked for their input and leave the meeting.

Darrel and Joan wonder about breaking the project into phases to try and make it more feasible.

Joan and Darrel approve and sign the Tri-hederal agreement for the annual contract.

After thoroughly working through all of the Stiles Billing a total of \$8426.07 in credits were given to the Water Department. Meg is still working on getting a bit more credit back for some invoices but feels like this is a good bulk of the credits due.

During 2019 we will work to better outline the budget so as to create a more clear distinction for projects. Tank cleaning and coating in 2020 will likely be far more than what was quoted a few years ago. Exterior ladder and outer tank coating done together as an option for budgeting in the future...

The current quote for 2019 tank cleanings is just for the three tanks at Franconia (McGowan, How and the concrete Clearwell. Mittersill tank cleaning and inspection will be in 2021.

Pete explains the work that needs to be done:

Water line replacement in Mittersill: Pioneer Road, Hubertus Ring, Sunset Ridge Road, Ridge Cut Roads are discussed. During any work old galvanized pipes would be replaced by LRW.

A letter needs to be sent to the Mittersill Inn to reiterate that they NEED to get their end of the work done. They came to a meeting in March of 2018 and at that time agreed to get work done on their property so it could be properly tied into the main valve. Joan will attempt a call to try and make motion on their end before a letter is sent.

Pete will get a price per day for a machine and two men for the Mittersill project. He will also measure Hubertus to Sunset Ridge to get an estimate on price per foot. He will measure Mittersill Road from Alpen Hill to intersection of Woodchuck and Bridal Veil and then Mittersill to end of Woodchuck to have two price options for review.

The town needs to contact Holly in regards to replacing a culvert that Scott already has and that Pete can dig to replace since he will be needing to dig for pipe line anyway. Cost could be shared for this portion of the project with the town providing the culvert they have and LRW doing the work.

Alpine Clinic and Hair Salon meter pit work will happen as soon as spring allows.

Leak detection and locating and properly marking of curb-stops and main valves needs to happen at some point in the near future for better records.

Work session to be held at 5pm on Wednesday January 16.

Pete took care of the overflowing well top in Mittersill over Christmas. All the rain caused more water than could be used therefore over- filling the tank.

Line replacement in front of the fire station need to happen. That line was classified by prior commissioners as the Fire Departments responsibility from Plantation Road to the building, which goes under the road.

Meg to continue following up with Holly regarding clearing in front of the hydrants. In addition to plowing there needs to be shoveling around the hydrants to be sure they are completely cleared.

Joan to contact Stephen St. Cyr to follow up on where he is with our project.

Meg will send another certified letter regarding the Jacob's property on Harvard St. that still needs their meter replaced.

Meg to look into a lockable drop box to possibly be placed outside the building for signature transactions and exchanging of paperwork.

Darrel motions to change the Water Department's regular monthly meetings to Wednesdays at 4:30pm rather than Thursdays at 4:30pm. Joan seconds the motion.

With no further business needing attention, Joan motions to adjourn the meeting a 5:50pm. Darrel seconds the motion and the meeting is closed.

These minutes of the Franconia Water Department have been recorded by its Secretary. Though believed to be accurate and correct they are subject to additions, deletions and corrections by the Board of Commissioners of the Water Department at its next meeting when the Board votes its final approval of the minutes. They are being made available at this time to conform to the requirements of New Hampshire RSA 91-A:2.