



## LISBON WATER DEPARTMENT

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### Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for October 12, 2010

Members Present: Bill Bauer, Ken Wells, and Stanley Doughty Jr.

Staff Present: Paul Adams and Larry Plourde

Audience: Ryan Leighton, Town Engineer

Meeting called to order by Mr. Bauer, at 6:30pm.

#### **I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

##### **A. Invoices from the Water Dept. to the Town**

1. Mr. Leighton requested that the Commissioners removed the labor charges on the invoices for the Route 9 Project.
  - a. Mr. Adams stated that some of the work should have been done by the contractor and that the Water Dept is charged labor by all other Town Depts.
  - b. Mr. Bauer expressed his concern that potential customers on Upland Rd would not want to pay the labor if they found that the Route 9 customers did not have to pay the labor costs.
  - c. The Commissioners discussed the issue and decided to waive the labor charges on the Route 9 invoices due to the contaminated well issue.
    - i. Mr. Doughty Jr. made a motion to waive the Water Dept. labor charges on the Route 9 invoiced due to the contaminated well issue. Mr. Wells 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion followed by a positive unanimous 3/0 vote.

##### **B. Sullivan Water Connection**

1. Mr. Bauer asked about the status of the water service connection for the Sullivan property on Gould Rd.
2. Mr. Leighton stated that they needed to have a collaborative effort to resolve the issue.
3. Mr. Adams reiterated that Mr. Sawtell, of Dirigo Engineering, had stated that it would cause a slippery slope if the Water Dept. installed the booster pump.
4. Mr. Leighton stated that they would only be willing to install the first booster pump and all liabilities after that would become the homeowner's and the Water Dept.'s responsibility. He said that another option would be to drill a new well, but he felt that the better option would be to tie into the public water system.
5. Mr. Adams and Mr. Bauer stated that there would need to be a limited service agreement as Mr. Plourde stated the Water Dept. can not meet more than 13lbs of pressure at the main at this time.
6. Mr. Leighton will contact someone who will help them price and size out the pump that will be needed to meet the customers needs.
  - a. Mr. Bauer stated that F.W. Webb would be able to help him with all that information.

7. Mr. Leighton asked if this were a temporary situation if and when a new standpipe was to be constructed in that area. The Commissioners agreed that a new standpipe would cure the problem.
- C. Mill St. Bridge
1. Mr. Bauer asked Mr. Leighton about the Salmon Federation and about the status of the bridge.
  2. Mr. Leighton stated that he had no information about the Atlantic Salmon Federation but he had heard that the bridge is a concern. He said that it is a MDOT bridge to maintain.
    - a. Mr. Adams stated that he had heard that there were holes in the bridge and Mr. Wells confirmed that there were.
    - b. Mr. Bauer asked if we should think about a different pipeline. Mr. Plourde stated that pictures had been taken when the water was lower and they showed that the water main runs through a concrete wall in the river.
    - c. The Commissioners agreed that they should find out what the options are and Mr. Leighton stated that he would get what information he could about the bridge.

## II. WARRANTS

- A. Warrant 39 for September 29, 2010- Approved
- B. Warrant 40 for October 06, 2010- Approved

## III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reading and approval of minutes:
  1. Minutes from September 27, 2010
    - a. Mr. Wells made a motion to accept the minutes as written for September 27, 2010. Mr. Doughty Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion followed by a positive 3/0 vote.
- B. Filter Plant Issues
  1. Mr. Adams stated that he had sent another e-mail out but he has not heard from Pure Flow. He suggested perhaps that we should get an attorney involved.
  2. Mr. Wells asked if he had tried contacting other branches for information.
  3. Mr. Adams stated that he was working with the owner, who he feels is the only one who will resolve the issue.
  4. Mr. Bauer asked if we have tried to get Rob Williamson of Wright-Pierce to help us get Pure Flow to respond.
  5. Mr. Adams stated that he has already tried Mr. Williamson and suggested going above Mr. Williamson and contact Jeff Munich a VP of Wright-Pierce.
    - a. Mr. Bauer agreed to contact the VP and set up a meeting.
  6. Mr. Wells asked if we had tried to purchase more media and see if that leverage results in some action.
    - a. Mr. Adams said that we have not.
  7. Mr. Wells asked when we would need to replace the media.
    - a. Mr. Adams stated that he did not want to purchase the same media if it was going to result in the same significant loss in such a short amount of time. He just wants them to call him back to answer his questions about a resolution,
- C. Wellhead Protection Ordinance
  1. Mr. Adams stated that the Planning Board will be having a meeting on October 28, 2010. He said that there appears to be a need for more discussions so that it still may not be resolved on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Ross Valve
  1. Mr. Wells asked if the valves or testing equipment had been purchased for the Ross Valve.
  2. Mr. Plourde recommended a simple pressure recording device.

3. The Commissioners discussed the issue and decided to have Mr. Adams get some information and quotes on different options.

E. Tabled Items

1. None

F. Other Old Business

1. None

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. General Manager's Report

1. None

B. Customer Communications

1. Mr. Bauer stated that there was only one dirty water complaint, but they attributed it to the ongoing filter issue.

C. Other New Business

1. 2011 Budget

- a. Mr. Bauer asked that Mr. Adams present some numbers for the projected 2011 budget for the next meeting.

2. Filtration Plant Sludge

- a. Mr. Plourde asked if there was going to be any further action in trying to utilize the Sewer Dept. to dump the Water Dept. Filtration Plant sludge.
- b. Mr. Adams stated that the last invoice to clean both tanks was over \$17,000. They made the decision to clean both tanks in case the Sewer Dept. agreed to allow the Water Dept to start draining the sludge into the sewer.
- c. Mr. Wells suggested pumping the sludge into a separate tank from the backwash basins and just have the sludge to remove and no water to pay for with Clean Harbors.
- d. The Commissioners discussed the issue and decided to take samples to get the arsenic data once weekly for about six months and then talk to the Sewer Dept.

D. Next Meeting Date

1. The next Commissioners' Meeting date is for Monday, October 25, 2010 at 6:30pm at the Lisbon Water Dept.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. None

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Mr. Doughty Jr. made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Wells 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion followed by a positive unanimous 3/0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.