



LISBON WATER DEPARTMENT

639 Lisbon Road

Lisbon Falls, Maine 04252

Tel. (207) 353-3020 fax (207) 353-3004

Paul A. Adams, General Manager

Stanley Doughty Jr., Chairman, James Gurney, & William A. Bauer, Commissioners

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for March 09, 2009

Members Present: Stanley Doughty Jr. and James Gurney

Members Absent: Bill Bauer

Staff Present: Paul

Audience: None

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

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A. None

II. WARRANTS

A. Warrant 08 for February 25, 2009-Approved

B. Warrant 09 for March 04, 2009-Approved

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Reading and Approval of Minutes:

1. Minutes from February 23, 2009

a. Mr. Gurney made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Doughty Jr. 2nd the motion followed by a positive unanimous 2/0 vote.

B. Town Council Workshop

1. Mr. Doughty Jr. gave a brief account of the meeting.

a. Hydrant Rental

i. The Town has inquired about reducing the cost of the Town's Hydrant Rental to the Water Dept.

ii. Mr. Bauer sent an e-mail stating that the hydrant rental should be changed to Public Fire Protection.

b. Town and Water Dept Merger

i. The Water Department has received a letter from the Town notifying us of their intent to merge the Water Department with the Town.

c. Dragon Property

i. The Town is looking into rezoning the area and not acquiring it for Wellhead Protection.

d. Wellhead Protection Ordinance

i. The Town is still in the process of finalizing the format changes.

e. Communication Deficiencies from the Town to the Water Dept.

- i. The Town said they discuss most things in Dept. Head meetings. Mr. Adams stated that they do discuss some items, but the decisions may not be made final in those meetings and the changes have not been communicated to the Water Dept.; the Town just implements changes.
 - f. Verizon Cell Tower
 - i. An unofficial Verizon contact had complained to Councilor Bowie, at his place of employment, about how the Water Dept was managing the entrance to the standpipe. Mr. Adams stated that he forced Verizon to stick to the lease agreement terms and they went to the Town to try to get them to cut the lock. Mr. Leighton called Mr. Adams about the issue and after their discussion he let Mr. Adams resolve it.
 - g. Rt. 9 and Upland Projects
 - i. The Town said that the State has approved the road improvements and will contribute funds, but the taxpayers must approve a bond issue for matching funds.
 - ii. Mr. Adams said he spoke with CMP about the power line and it may be a possibility if land owners agree. Mr. Adams will research more on this option.
 - iii. The Council was disappointed that we did not have a project ready to apply for Federal Stimulus money.
 - h. The Commissioners discussed the items.
- C. Tabled Items
 - 1. Wellhead Protection-Tabled-No action has been taken.
 - 2. Dragon Property- Tabled
 - 3. Rate Increase-Tabled
- D. Other Old Business
 - 1. New Plow on the New Truck
 - a. Mr. Gurney asked if they fixed the issue with the new truck plow. Mr. Adams said that it appears to be fixed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. General Manager's Report
 - 1. Litigation Notification Letter
 - a. Mr. Adams stated that we received a letter from an attorney's office regarding a litigation claim.
 - i. Current homeowner having issues with mold and are suing former homeowner.
 - ii. The attorney's letter claiming Lisbon Water Dept. may be co-defendant as they are claiming LWD turned water on with no-one at property and they had leak inside. The staff is in the process of researching documentation.
- B. Other New Business
 - 1. LWD Workshop to cut Expenses
 - a. Mr. Gurney asked if employees would make suggestions and submit any ideas to the Commissioners for consideration at the workshop scheduled for March 21, 2009 in the morning.
 - 2. High Water Usage issue
 - a. Mr. Adams stated that there was a customer this billing period that showed 230,000cf of water usage, over 1,500,000gals. It was at a mobile home that was

vacant and the pipe burst. The meter is in a meter pit so all the water went through the meter. The owner lives next door to trailer.

b. The Commissioners discussed the issue.

3. Emergency Line from Lewiston Water to Lisbon Water

a. Mr. Doughty Jr. stated that he would like to pursue the emergency connection should we need to connect to Lewiston Water as an emergency supply.

i. Mr. Gurney stated that he noticed that Lewiston Water now has a hydrant on the same side of Rt. 196 as LWD, which will reduce costs.

ii. Mr. Doughty Jr. inquired if LWD should put in a line with a valve connecting the Lewiston hydrant and the Lisbon hydrant.

iii. The Commissioners discussed the issue, but took no action.

4. Main Break

a. Mr. Adams stated that there was a main break at Crest Avenue in Lisbon. They used a 24" clamp to fix the break. Mr. Gurney asked the cost and Mr. Adams stated that the clamp was about \$500.

b. The Commissioners discussed the issue.

C. Next Meeting Date

1. Next Commissioners' Meeting date is for Monday, March 23, 2009 at 6:30pm.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A. Mr. Gurney made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Doughty Jr. 2nd the motion followed by an affirmative unanimous 2/0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.