

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2005  
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fran McNamara and Robert Moorehouse. Sam Briguglio was absent.

GUESTS PRESENT: Supt. Paul Rafuse and Jean Dinon.

Fran McNamara opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

DECISION: Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of January 11, 2005.

Previously signed warrants for \$12,995.00, \$1,543.52, \$3,916.39, \$3,172.04, \$1,110.09 and \$5,444.75 totaled \$28,181.79.

Previously signed payroll warrants for \$3,335.72, \$3,616.26, \$3,672.36, \$3,202.05 and \$1,076.40 totaled \$14,902.79.

Commissioners read and noted the following correspondence:

- A. Letter from Attorney Douglas Deschenes, Hall, Finnegan, Ahern & Deschenes, to Paul L. Rafuse dated January 20, 2005 re: West Meadow Condominium Water Pump Station; Escrow Account.
- B. Copy of letter from Attorney June Riddle, Riddle & Associates, to Attorney Douglas Deschenes dated January 24, 2005 re: Harbor Trace Subdivision/Townsend.
- C. Letter to Attorney Douglas Deschenes from Paul Rafuse dated January 24, 2005 re: Status of water main replacement on South Street.
- D. Memo from Kim Fales, Town Accountant, to Paul Rafuse dated January 25, 2005 re: Special Town Meeting 12/14/04 Article 30 for purchasing a backhoe.
- E. Copy of memo from Kim Fales, Town Accountant, to Finance Committee dated January 25, 2005 re: Water Enterprise Fund.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Paul discussed/reported correspondence from Water Department, Town Counsel and Attorney Deschenes re: Harbor Trace development, South Street main replacement and West Meadow Road booster station. After the bridge was done, Ron could not be reached so Paul contacted Attorney Deschenes. Paul is going to the meeting on March 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Paul discussed/reviewed rate study. Paul would like to see a professional rate study done. Paul will have him come in and talk to the Board. Paul thinks our rates are low.
- 3. Paul reported on unidirectional flushing program. The information is in their report, and report will be out mid February.
- 4. Paul reported about bridge at Main Street station. Bob suggested pre-casted one.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Paul discussed/reviewed award bids for backhoe. Paul discussed with Andrea Wood, Finance Committee. Paul has a call into Josh Shaine of the Capital Planning Committee for approval. Board reviewed the specs, and John Deere met all the specs.

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DECISION: Board voted unanimously to approve bid for 2005 John Deere 310SG backhoe loader from Schmidt Equipment for \$67,794.00 with trade in allowance for 1987 John Deere 210C loader backhoe for \$6,200.00 and the net price of \$61,594.00.

2. Paul discussed/reviewed correspondence from Town Accountant re: Enterprise Fund and Article 30 at Special Town Meeting to purchase backhoe. She is questioning the article for the backhoe. It was tabled.
3. Paul discussed/reviewed Ron Eggleston resigned. Paul sent ad to paper. Starting pay will be \$16.00. Within the year will have to get distribution license.
4. Paul reported site walk at Harbor Trace. It is scheduled for Friday, February 11, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. with Maura Callahan from Earth Tech.
5. Jean reported on both appropriation balances and account receivable for January.

DECISION: Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean R. Dinon, clerk