

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2011
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Caten and Niles Busler. Fran McNamara was absent

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael MacEachern, James and Denise Blanchard, Supt. Paul Rafuse and Brenda Boudreau-clerk.

Jack opened the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of August 8, 2011 and September 12, 2011.

The Board reviewed the payroll warrants.

The Board reviewed and signed the warrants.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Paul presented to the Board the Articles submitted for the fall town meeting. Paul reported that he had watched the selectman's meeting and Robert Plamondon's comments about that fact that no one from the Water Department was at the meeting to discuss the articles and that he thought they should be thrown out. Paul researched the town charter and discovered that they do not have the authority to throw out any articles submitted by a board within the specified time limits. Niles reported that he had explained to Carolyn Smart the reasons why we wanted to be excluded from Article 29; Carolyn suggested that we meet with the Capital Planning Board to explain our reasons. Niles believes that we will have a much better chance on passing if the Capital Planning Committee is recommending it as well. Paul wanted to specifically speak in reference to article 25 and gave Jim Blanchard the floor. Jim Blanchard discussed his ongoing issue on whether or not to continue his dispute over his .50 pay increase for his D2 job certification. Jim is asking for the Board's opinion if he should continue his case with the Attorney General's office or take no action on the town floor. The Board feels that Jim should peruse both avenues and if it is approved at town meeting he can drop his case with the Attorney General office at that time.
2. Paul reported to the Board that the fall town meeting has been rescheduled to November 15, 2011.
3. Brenda presented to the Board a list of customers to be sent to lien. The Board approved the list. The Board would like to revisit the issue to establish some type of procedure.
4. Brenda presented to the Board July and Augusts' Intermunicipal agreement reports for review.
5. Brenda presented to the Board Septembers' Appropriation Balance report for review.
6. Brenda presented to the Board Septembers' Account Receivable report for review.
7. Brenda presented to the Board Septembers' Schedule of Bills Receivable report for review.
8. **The Board approved the application for water service to Dovetail Construction, 5 Harbor Trace Road, 1" service.**
9. Brenda reported/discussed Peter LoBrutto's account #61089. Peter called to inform us that his circumstances have changed and requested that his current monthly payment of \$236.00 be reduced by 50%. The Board would like him to

continue to pay \$150.00 per month and to get in touch with Carolyn Smart to apply for money through the endowment fund.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Paul discussed the potential problem with the generator at Witches Brook. Paul had his generator Tech from Messer take a look at it. There had been some rewiring done on it to bring it from 240 volts to 277 volts and some rewiring was also done to the panel. Because of these issues the tech did to want to become involved. Paul then contacted Superior, the manufacturer who had originally given the green light to upgrade the generator before the project began. Paul wanted to have the generator re-evaluated. Superior was here for a better part of a day and said it could be fixed to put out the power needed. He then recommended that we replace 2 Diodes that were blown. Paul then called Tom Mahanna from Stantec and Dana Johnson from Fall River Electrical they were both involved with the upgrade project as well. They were a lot of the "blame game" between Superior and Fall River. The Board questioned that the engineer should have been responsible to oversee the project and ensure that the generator was working properly, that is why we pay them. Niles suggested that we have Unitil take a look at the generator to get their opinion. The Board also suggested that we get Stantec involved.
2. Paul presented to the Board the draft RFP (request for proposal) to convert to radio read meter reading. RFP's are generally a good idea but takes a little longer to create because you want to make sure that all of the conditions and specs are included in the document. Niles wants Paul to call Carolyn Smart to arrange a meeting between them and the Capital Planning Board.
3. Paul discussed if anyone had any other comments or suggestions about the District. Everyone agreed to wait until we had a full Board.

The Boards next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 14, 2011.

The Board's next scheduled warrant signing meeting is Monday, December 12, 2011.

Jack adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Boudreau-clerk