

NORTH BENNINGTON WATER BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
7 June 2023

PRESENT: David Shaughnessy, Arla Sampsell, Steve Goodrich, Joe Herrmann, Ted Fela, Mary Rogers, Doug Buggee and April Paulin.

David called the meeting to order at 5:57 pm.

MINUTES

There was one correction to the minutes of 3 May 2023; on the second page, first paragraph, 4th line should read “solar panels”. Steve moved to approve the minutes as amended. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There was one correction to the minutes of the special meeting for 10 May; on page 2 it should read “Asset Management Plan”. Joe moved to approve the minutes of 10 May as corrected. Arla seconded the motion. Steve abstained. Motion passed.

There was one correction to the minutes of the special meeting for 17 May; Ted Fela needs to be added as present. Joe moved to approve the minutes of 17 May as corrected. Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Warrants
Joe moved to approve the payroll warrant for May 4th & 18th and 1 June for \$14,168.31. Arla seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve moved to approve the monthly warrant for \$45,204.69, Check #'s 10384-10409 and 1 debit. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board was introduced to Doug Buggee who has been the treasurer for the school and the Village for the past year. He is a resident of North Bennington and has had a long career in the banking industry. Doug will be taking over the Treasurer duties for the Water Board as well. The proper paperwork and resolution is expected to be signed on 5 July.

Mary has received instructions to file for monthly submissions for reimbursement for the Asset Management Plan.

There was another error in the paperwork for the USDA, that was corrected and submitted so now Mary can start inquiring about our payment.

Mary handed out her analysis.

Mary had been looking over the State Statutes on public meetings and had seen that postings for special meetings need to be in 3 public places and emailed to the editor of the local paper. She will get Ted and the Board a copy of the FAQ on open public meetings.

Mary will contact Steve Love and see where he is on the audit.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ted had emailed his update to the Board before the meeting.

The railings around the intake have been done as was recommended by the insurance company.

Ted has received 3 estimates for the generator. The State is pushing to get this done and Cindy from the State called to just touch base and see where we are at.

The Board will be requesting bids for the job. There is a 6-12 month lead time on a generator and one of the bidders may have one on hand enabling the job to be completed sooner. We will also be replacing an old propane tank, for the Filtration Plant, and adding another, for the generator. The State said to roll the tank for the Filtration Plant into the final cost.

Prospect Street is all done and all the galvanized lines left are on the homeowner's side. Weaver dug up 5 and fixed a leak on Hall Street. They also took down 2 trees. The Town of Bennington helped with 3 services on Pleasant Street.

Matt from Otter Creek will be down on Monday to start the GPS work for the AMP. Main line valves and curb stops will be marked out and put on the maps.

The intake has been cleaned and the reservoir will be cleaned at the end of the month. The hydrant flushing will also be done at the end of the month.

The Water Superintendent for Shaftsbury would like to be present when the master meter is changed out. It is planned for next week. If Shaftsbury does not want the old meter the Board would like to have it sent to Neptune Meter to have its accuracy tested. A copy of the report will be provided to explain the accuracy of the old meter in comparison to the new meter. The report will be able to clarify, to Shaftsbury, the reason why the new meter may register a higher usage.

There are 60 past due accounts with some accounts making payments. The Board asked if the landlords were paying their bills and Ted answered yes.

Ted, Zach, and Jim will be lending a hand, to Mark Boudreau, with installing a drinking fountain and hose spigot at Welling Field. Ted noted Jim has been generous to donate material for the project.

Steve moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:01 pm. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve moved to continue the Executive Session at a date yet to be determined. Arla seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

This meeting will be continued at a later date, yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

April A. Paulin
Board Secretary

Steve Grodick 7-5-23

Dave Raymond 7-5-23

Arla Simpson 7/5/23

Joseph R. Hermann 7-5-23