

NORTH BENNINGTON WATER BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
18 OCTOBER 2022

PRESENT: David Shaughnessy, Arla Sampsell, Jerry Elwell, Steve Goodrich, Joe Herrmann, Ted Fela, Jane Tudor, April Paulin, Chris Ponessi (Mance Engineering) and Matt Roberts (Mance Engineering)

David called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm

MINUTES

There was one correction to the minutes of 20 September; Steve clarified that the funds that he asked Ted to make note of was for the work that needed to be done on Depot Street two weeks out of warranty. Jerry moved to approve the minutes of 20 September as corrected. Arla seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

WARRANTS

Joe moved to approve the payroll warrant for 20 October – 20 November for \$9,672.70, check #'s 10124-10138. Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve moved to approve the monthly for 18 October for \$17,928.56, check #'s 10139-10157. Check #10151 for \$387.50 to Otter Creek Engineering will be voided. Arla seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WATER BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED

Chris Ponessi and Matt Roberts were present to request a water allocation of 490 gpd. for 416 College Road. They presented the Board with maps outlining the building plans. They need the approval for the water allocation before they can apply for a wastewater permit from the State. Ted met with them and discussed what was required for installation and went over their plans. Chris and Matt would be present during the install of the water line. Ted would be there for the tap and install of the curb stop. If the owners go forward with building it would be next spring.

Steve moved to approve the plans as presented and the allocation requested of 490 gpd. They need to keep in touch with Ted throughout the process. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ted has received a revised allocation request from HRH Management. Their current allocation is 23,521 ½ gpd and they are requesting an additional 14,188 ½ gpd bringing their total to 37,710 gpd. They plan on turning their commercial space into additional apartments. Their required backflow preventer has failed inspection and has not been replaced as of yet.

David motioned to table the allocation request from HRH Management until the required backflow preventer is changed and is in good working order. A letter will be sent to HRH Management outlining the Board's decision. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The October bills have been completed and mailed. They are due 3 November.

They have been working on replacing any nonfunctioning meters. Ted ordered 10 more meters to replenish the stock and they are on backorder until December.

The waste gate seal on the #1 filter has been replaced and the same is scheduled for filter #2.

The seasonal changeover for chemicals has started and the well pump has been turned off. The water to the cemeteries and the fountain has also been turned off.

The new chlorine analyzer and controllers have been installed with the help of Hathaway Electric.

Fletcher Loomis installed the new culvert that was discussed last month. He also cleared out some brush and brought in some stone to help with the water runoff. Ted says it looks good and he was happy with the work.

Ted has just 2 bids at this time for the roof on the well house. Henry Sausville looked at it but did not get his bid in yet. They will hold the bids until next month to see if the 3rd one comes through.

OLD BUSINESS

Jason got back to Steve regarding Mary, and he said he could not find any reason that she could not be our Treasurer, but he also could not find any reason why she could. His opinion was if no one had an issue with it then it was ok.

Joe was reappointed by the Trustees for another 5-year term. Steve read the letter that was written to the Board of Trustees requesting Joe's re-appointment and outlining his 30+ years as an invaluable Board member. Chris Richmond was the second name submitted. There has been pressure from Shaftsbury to appoint someone of their choice to this Board. Steve explained to the Trustees that Joe doesn't just represent one entity but everyone on the system including Bennington College and any users in Shaftsbury or North Bennington.

NEW BUSINESS

Jane explained to the Board that there is a 12% increase in cost for the Blue Cross Blue Shield policy for next year. Because the policy is paid in advance, she wanted to inform the Board because the increase will put it over budget.

Steve brought up to the Board the possibility of changing the monthly meetings to the first Monday of the month instead of the current schedule. The reason for the suggestion was sometimes there are late fees due the timing of the month that the warrants get signed and the payments get mailed. The Board will consider the change and make a decision at the next meeting.

Steve moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:46 pm. Arla seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

April A. Paulin
Board Secretary

Approved:

_____ David Shaughnessy	_____ Date	_____ Gerald Elwell	_____ Date
_____ Steve Goodrich	_____ Date	_____ Joseph Herrmann	_____ Date
_____ Arla Sampsell	_____ Date		