

Ashburnham & Winchendon Joint Water Authority
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2017

Attendees: Steve Nims – Ashburnham, Heather Budrewicz – Ashburnham, Val Daigle – AWJWA, Leo Collette – AWJWA, Keith Hickey – Winchendon, Al Gallant – Winchendon, Darlene Domingos – Veolia, Matt Johnson – Veolia, Adam Testagrossa – Veolia, Brett Forest – Veolia

Call to Order: 12:00 p.m.

Motion made by Keith Hickey, 2nd by Val Daigle to accept the April 13, 2017 agenda. Vote 3-0. Passed.

Adam outlined the 1st quarter report regarding Personnel, Safety, Training, Treatment Plant performance averages, lake level and reporting (Document #1). Adam reported preventative maintenance tasks were completed and that corrective maintenance was performed. Adam will send Leo the number analysis. The members discussed the new base level of the lake, full is at 5.80ft.

Matt reviewed the AWJWA Controls and Instrumentation Upgrade Phase 2: Redundant Filter PLC report (Document #2). Matt discussed the need and request for additional software for reporting and alarms.

Motion made by Keith Hickey, second by Val Daigle to move forward with the software purchase. Vote 3-0. Passed.

Matt discussed the \$30k PLC replacement project. Keith suggested that we may wish to look to lease-to-own the equipment as opposed to purchasing a “hold-over” solution and having to redo the whole project again in 6 years. Matt will look at the costs to buy what we need to do the project completely right now. Otherwise, we would only be doing the project again later in full in six years or so. Viola will look into the possibility of purchasing PLC and the towns paying Viola for the project. Once we have costs determined, Matt will create a potential amortization schedule.

Motion by Keith Hickey, 2nd by Val Daigle to approve the January 11, 2017 minutes.

The 2016 R&M Rollover Approval letter was signed by Val Daigle.

Fish Warden Annual Fee: Leo is the Town’s Fish Warden. The cost of the invoice cover his expenses and travel.

Motion by Val Daigle, seconded by Keith Hickey to pay the invoice. Vote 3-0. Passed.

Lake Level was discussed. 2001 was the last time the water level was as low as it was this year (Document #3).

Fluoride was discussed. According to Darlene there are conflicting studies that are out there. Val Daigle is concerned about studies that suggest the fluoride is tied to Thyroid problems. In order to stop using fluoride in the water, we would need a Town Meeting Vote.

Winchendon discussed that they will be draining one tank down in order to rebuild the tank.

Viola stated that it costs approximately \$100k per year to do a tank. They remove the media and clean out the tank infrastructure and sandblast repaint/recoat. Our water quality is superior.

Motion by Keith, seconded by Val Daigle at 12:49pm to adjourn.

Adjourned at 12:49 p.m.