

Ashburnham & Winchendon Joint Water Authority
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 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, Melissa Mooradian

Call to Order: 12:03 p.m.

Motion made by Keith Hickey, 2nd by Leo Collette to accept the July 19, 2017 agenda, approved.

Adam stated that he received his license and has been promoted to Grade 3. Adam was congratulated on his promotion. Adam outlined the 2nd quarter O&M report for the water filtration plant. He noted for safety that there was no lost time accidents or reportable incidents and that a bi-annual onsite audit was done on July 6th and the auditor remarked that “The Housekeeping continues to be very good as well as the safety culture is excellent at the facility”. He reviewed training and education, reporting requirements, treatment plant performance noting big reduction in water production adjusted, repair and maintenance, planned activities, repair and maintenance budget noting that expenses were included in the report.

Matt reviewed the AWJWA Valve Replacement & Finished Water Pump Repair (WIN). He presented options for valve replacement. Veolia’s recommendation is to the valve apart to see what the guts are to possibly rebuild as opposed to replacing. Matt stated that the Winchendon pump has started to experience failure by vibrating excessively and spilling out oil. He looked into whether to repair or replace valve. If valve is repaired, it would involve taking it apart to find out what guts are and the pump would be off for months. Cost to replace the valve would be \$40,000 (high end) but would be lower if casing were kept and new components were replaced. Replacing the pump allows the option for old pump to be repaired to use as a spare. Matt will have manufacturer come in to look at the pump to determine what is needed and how to service. Board will meet to make a decision on pump after manufacturer makes recommendation. Pump issue is a priority over the O&M.

Motion by Keith Hickey to get the manufacturer in to determine what is needed for pump repair and timeline to repair, 2nd by Leo, voted all in favor.

Motion by Leo Collette to approve the April 13, 2017 minutes, 2nd by Val Daigle, approved.

Motion to adjourn by Val Daigle, 2nd by Keith Hickey, **Adjourned at 12:51 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by **Julie Dean**