

**WATER-SEWER COMMISSION MEETING**  
**October 10, 2018**

Members Present: Steve Nims, Val Daigle, Leo Collette, George Cornwall, Dave Berger, Charlie Packard, Heather Budrewicz, Julie Dean

CALL TO ORDER **6:00 p.m.**

**Motion by Leo Collette, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Packard to approve the October 10, 2018 agenda, vote was unanimous.**

**Motion by Charlie Packard, to accept the September 11, 2018 minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cornwall, minutes accepted.**

NEW BUSINESS

Heather Budrewicz explained Surface Water Zoning By-law which is mandated by DEP which is a Planning Board approved Zoning Board issue. Building Inspector enforces this for the Planning Board; it is not a Water Board issue to enforce. The Zoning By-law change is with Town Counsel for review. Motion made by Leo Collette to accept changes to original Surface Water Zoning By-law, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cornwall, Val Daigle, Dave Berger, George Cornwall and Leo Collette in favor, Charlie Packard opposed. Vote passed.

Heather Budrewicz discussed having the board approve a fund transfer from Water Retained Earnings of \$135,000 for capital improvements at the Water Treatment Plant for the PLC Upgrade. Ashburnham and Winchendon are splitting the total cost of this upgrade and both towns will put on warrants for Town meeting. Steve Nims informed the board that Winchendon will not be going forward with their share at their fall Town meeting. Charlie Packard motioned to transfer \$135,000 from Water Retained Earnings contingent on joint approval by Winchendon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leo Collette. Val Daigle, George Cornwall, Charlie Packard, Leo Collette in favor. Dave Berger abstained. Vote passed.

Heather Budrewicz discussed reminder notices for over due water/sewer bills. She recommends sending out orange notices reminding customers of over due bills. The notices would state that the Water/Sewer Commission Board is looking into water shut off policy for unpaid bills. Heather will write notice. George Cornwall motioned to recommend letters sent on orange paper reminding customers of over due bills and water shut off policy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Packard, vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning change for water/sewer areas was put on hold due to further information needed: How many properties will be affected by it? Water & Sewer system map? Time frame is too short to change it before Town Meeting. Heather Budrewicz explained the difference between a Zoning By-law and General By-law.

Sherbert Road project is on hold and Steve Nims are working on getting questions answered that were discussed by the board at the September 11, 2018 meeting.

Leo Collette noted that the lake level is 6" over the spillway compared to -30" a year ago.

NEXT MEETING

Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018 6 p.m.

ADJOURN

**7:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by, *Julie Dean*