

WATER-SEWER COMMISSION MEETING
March 12, 2019

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

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 p.m.

Motion by Charlie Packard to approve March 12, 2019 agenda, 2nd by George Cornwall to approve the March 12, 2019 agenda, vote was unanimous.

Motion by Charlie Packard to accept the January 8, 2019 minutes as written, 2nd by George Cornwall, minutes accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Nims updated board regarding sewer break on South Main Street. This was the first break in 25 years, the force main broke in 2 spots which took a while to repair.

Dave Berger proposed having the Joint Water Authority purchase Naukeag Hospital building and property. Motion by Leo Collette for Joint Water Authority to acquire the Naukeag Hospital building and property to protect the watershed, 2nd by Charlie Packard, vote was unanimous. Steve Nims will follow up with Heather Budrewicz to let her know the board would like to acquire property.

George Cornwall outlined FEMA Zone Risk Hazard presentation for Miller's River which showed timeline for engineering and the project for a hazard mitigation plan and updating maps of areas prone to flooding or possibility of flooding.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve Nims updated board that the Gardner MOU is back from Gardner for Ashburnham to review.

Val Daigle updated the board on the zoning change for the water/sewer areas. She said that the boards seem to be in favor but the Selectman voted down a study by MRPC. George Cornwall said the Planning Board is involved and he pushed for it but said they would like back up so that nothing is missed. Val Daigle said that Heather Budrewicz needs to get this on the warrant because it is an incentive to get more customers, lines extended and help residents with an extra lot. Steve Nims will inform Heather Budrewicz regarding putting this on the warrant.

Steve Nims updated the board regarding Sherbert Road. This project will go forward, Town of Winchendon will pay for their portion and Town of Ashburnham will pay theirs. Engineering will begin this summer, project will be bid next winter and construction will begin next year. When new line is complete, Ashburnham will grind, reclaim and pave Sherbert Road. Dave Berger would like DEP to verify in writing that Winchendon would not become a consecutive water system to Ashburnham if they take water directly from the main on Sherbert Road if Ashburnham takes ownership of the new main. Also, this includes Far Hills Water system becoming a consecutive system to Ashburnham.

Meeting adjourned: 6:49 pm

Respectfully submitted by, *Julie Dean*