

Ashburnham & Winchendon Joint Water Authority

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2019

Attendees: Steve Nims – Ashburnham, Julie Dean – Ashburnham, Leo Collette – AWJWA, Dave Berger – AWJWA, George Cornwall – AWJWA, Keith Hickey – Winchendon, Al Gallant – Winchendon, Darlene Domingos – Veolia, Adam Testagrossa – Veolia, Brett Forest – Veolia; Also present: Janet Morrison, Gary Howland

Call to Order: 12:08 p.m.

Leo Collette motioned to make Dave Berger Chairman for AWJWA, Keith Hickey was not in favor because Dave Berger has never been a member of the joint water authority. Motion made by George Cornwall that Keith Hickey be made Chairman, 2nd by Dave Berger, all in favor.

Adam reviewed the 3rd quarter Operations and Maintenance report, noting certifications, safety and training/education. The staff completed 18 years and 2 months without an accident as of October 1, 2019. No regulatory parameters exceeded and DEP, DPH & EPA reporting has been completed on time. DEP required sampling and analysis of total organic carbon, perchlorate, fluoride and aluminum completed. He noted Upper Naukeag Lake level is down due to less rain than anticipated but it is close to where we should be and that there is nothing to be concerned about. Adam said vibration analysis completed by Lindskog and that the vibration is a little high, will continue monitoring but may need balancing if it goes higher. He said that the budget is looking good.

PLC Update: Adam said they have drawings and information, the install is planned for December/January. Install will be pre-planned and the installation should take 8 to 10 hours.

Al Gallant asked Adam why there was low pump pressure. Adam told Al it was due to adjustment of needle valve and calibration was adjusted. Winchendon's pressure is 110 and Ashburnham's is 95 to 98.

Keith Hickey motioned to approve the April 10, 2019 meeting minutes, moved by George Cornwall, all in favor. There were no meeting minutes from July, no quorum.

Janet Morrison, Advisor for Ashburnham Open Space Committee spoke to the board regarding surplus land be turned over to Conservation Commission. It is property no longer needed for the water supply owned by Ashburnham & Winchendon. Winchendon

would need a Town vote and Ashburnham would just need a Board vote. Janet said it could be done in a two step process: First by a vote from the AWJWA Board and then by each town. The Town of Ashburnham's select board is aware of this but told them they need to come to the AWJWA. Dave Berger is hesitant to turn the land over and would like to see if it could be used as a well field. The Board and Janet discussed different options to convey the land and whether the land could revert back to the town if an additional water source was needed. Dave Berger stated that a professional study should be done. It was discussed that it would be more cost effective to do an agreement between the Board and Conservation Commission that the land could revert back to the town if needed. Dave Berger motioned to table this issue until the next meeting January 8, 2020, 2nd by George Cornwall, all in favor.

Leo Collette discussed lake level. He said the lake level has actually gone up even though it is 16.5" under this month and that the trend of the lake level is going up, usage has come down.

Adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Dean