

Ashburnham & Winchendon Joint Water Authority
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020

Attendees: Mary Calandrella – Ashburnham, Steve Nims – Ashburnham, Julie Dean – Ashburnham, Leo Collette – AWJWA, George Cornwall – AWJWA, Keith Hickey – Winchendon, Adam Testagrossa – Veolia, Brett Forest – Veolia, Matt Johnson - Veolia

Call to Order: 12:19 p.m.

Motion made by Adam Testagrossa to approved January 8, 2020 agenda, 2nd by Keith Hickey, agenda approved.

Adam reviewed the 4th quarter Operations and Maintenance report, noting certifications, safety and training/education. The staff completed 18 years and 5 months without an accident as of January 1, 2020. No regulatory parameters exceeded and DEP, DPH & EPA reporting has been completed on time. Monthly safety meetings covered monthly were Slips and Trips, Cold Stress and Winter Safety and Respiratory Protection. DEP required sampling and analysis of whole effluent toxicity of raw and finished water, synthetic organic compounds on finished water, total organic carbon on raw and finished water were completed as well as fluoride and aluminum system grab samples were taken monthly. Treatment Plant performance is relatively unchanged, increase for Ashburnham usage but nothing major, no leaks. He noted Upper Naukeag Lake level has regained quite a bit of water and is at +2.3. Preventative and corrective maintenance this past quarter included: cleaning PAC bulk chemical storage tank, flushed filter pressure sensor lines, calibrated laboratory process & laboratory turbidimeters, adjusted needle valves on Winchendon pumps to ensure proper startup/shutdown, cleaned soda ash feeder system, generator service & testing under load and automatic transfer switch inspection. Planned activities include to change oil on air compressors, flush filter pressure sensor lines, schedule semi-annual process flow meter calibrations, schedule semi-annual vibration analysis and annual laboratory equipment calibration and verification. He said that 74% of allotted budget for FY19 was spent and 2% for FY20 have been spent to date.

Motion made by Keith Hickey to approve minutes from October 9, 2020, 2nd by George Cornwall, minutes approved.

PLC Update: Matt Johnson said that the upgrades were done over 2 nights when demand was low and pumped manually. Both towns assisted with manually reading. He said that they planned on a 16 hour shutdown but only needed 12-14 hours to complete upgrades. There are a few bugs and he will coordinate with NIC to resolve. He will give more feedback at the next quarterly meeting.

Capital reserve options discussed as note expires.

No discussion on co-owned property on Depot Rd. and Zone A protection.

Adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by *Julie Dean*