

Minutes – Egremont Water Meeting 13 July 2017

Egremont Town Hall – 3:00 PM

Present: S. Agar; R. Palmucci; W. Brinker

General:

Minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

June gallons pumped were 1,040,340; average 34,678 per day. Gallons billed were greater than the amount billed for June 2016.

Old Business:

Meters and transmitters should be on a long term maintenance/replacement schedule. Some readings take a long time to register.

The grant from USDA has been submitted; waiting for response.

Flushing has been completed; lab reports were satisfactory – no indications of contaminants.

There is a broken flush box (valve) in the area of 2o Main Street; it will be investigated and scheduled for repair.

Letters were sent out to delinquent accounts with several shutoff notices last month. All have paid on their accounts with no further actions needing to be taken.

New Business:

An engineer has inspected the retaining wall and the clearwells. A report is expected soon.

End of fiscal year 2017 shows some monies remain but not a significant amount; the EOY report will be available from the Town Accountant next week.

A quote from Hach Company for a new turbidity meter and controller was received; no action was taken as there may be an option for repair or replacement of a module instead of the entire assembly. A technician from Hach will investigate next week.

The annual service contract from Hach has also been received; the contract begins in September; no action was taken at this time.

Lead and copper sampling is complete; three locations were a bit above the action level for copper; DEP will review and may require remediation for the pH level in the water. Those customers have been notified. The MA DEP form is ready to submit

Miscellaneous:

The warrant to the Accounting Officer was approved for the July billing commitment in the amount of \$18,666.50.

An application for abatement was received due to a leak in a customer's residence. After discussion, the Commission concluded that although unfortunate, the Commission has never approved an abatement for circumstances such as this. It was recommended a letter be sent explaining the Department's position and to make an offer of a payment schedule to bring the balance down.

Procedures will be reviewed with the backup operators to assure everyone adheres to the proper inspections, data entry, general policies, and DEP guidelines and regulations.

With the retirement of the Primary Operator this coming year, a job description needs to be finalized so a search may begin. Mr. Agar is meeting with the Town's HR Director to generate a preliminary description.

The next meeting will be Thursday August 10, 2017 at 3:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Brinker