

Minutes – Egremont Water Meeting 10 August 2017

Egremont Town Hall – 3:00 PM

Present: S. Agar; R. Palmucci; G. Lanoue; Donald Vaughan NESC; Nick La Chance NESC; W. Brinker

General:

Minutes of the July 13, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

July gallons pumped were 1,283,750; average 41,411 per day. Gallons billed were slightly less than the amount billed for July 2016.

Old Business:

Meters and transmitters are being put on a long term maintenance/replacement schedule. Some readings still take a long time to register. The batteries could be getting weak because of age.

The response from the USDA grant does not look promising; Egremont is in good shape financially.

New Business:

Donald Vaughan and Nick LaChance of New England Service Company spoke about their Sentinel insurance program available to water customers. The insurance would cover the service line into a customer's home. The Commission will look into bringing the service to our customers. NESC could also supply an operator or even manage the water company if desired; a proposal will be formulated and brought to the Commission at a later date. NESC has managed the Sheffield Water Company for the past few years; they acquired the Sheffield Water Company in February this year.

The annual service contract from Hach has been received; the contract begins in September; the Commission will proceed with renewal. The fee will be billed in September.

A motion was made and seconded to proceed with offering the Sentinel insurance to customers through NESC; all were in favor.

Miscellaneous:

The second sampling is scheduled for December; DEP requirements are still being formulated for an additive to control pH.

There was a leak discovered in a service line on Mount Washington Road – it was repaired and output has decreased substantially.

Tighe and Bond Engineers have submitted a proposal for engineering to investigate the clear wells and the retaining wall; it will be reviewed for action to be taken at a future date.

The warrant to the Accounting Officer was approved for the August billing commitment in the amount of \$18,517.00.

The next meeting will be Thursday September 14, 2017 at 3:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Brinker