

Draft

North Hero Water Board Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2009 6:30 P.M.
Board Meeting Room/Town Office

In Attendance: Water Board - Terry Schaefer, Robert Rousseau, Rob Cunningham
Jay O'Boyle
Absent: Larry Dupont
Board Clerk: Jo-Ann Tier
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Pete Johnson
Water Operator: Jeff Gratton
Assistant Water Operator: Doug Ward

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Terry Schaefer at 6:31 P.M.

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

- Under Review and Approval of bills for payment...
=review request for payment of class 4 test
=review request for training class (for 2 people)

REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Warrant in the amount of \$158,218.90 was distributed for review.
said warrant was signed by Terry Schaefer, Rob Cunningham, Jim O'Boyle,
and Robert Rousseau.

Discussion took place on the request for class 4 test (for DougWard) in
the amount of \$40.00 and GMWEA Training Class for D. Ward and J.
Gratton in the amount of \$110.00.
Robert Rousseau made a motion that the above invoice be added to the
warrant (warrant now totaling \$158,368.90) this motion was seconded by
Rob Cunningham.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 4-0.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR.... September 28, 2009

Jay O'Boyle made a motion that the minutes of September 28, 2009 be
approved as read. This motion was seconded by Robert Rousseau.. hearing
no further discussion.. this motion was carried 4-0.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Not necessary this evening....

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

REPORTS

- Water Operator
October Water System Report distributed and reviewed:
=Water production so far in October = 1,984,017
=Very good blue/green algae season
=In compliance for HAA.. just over the limit for THM
=Flow meter will not down load data..working through Flelxim to solve the problem
=Outside doors .. checked for proper closing.
=Pumped out backwash tanks
VFD failure on # 3 – replacement parts are about \$1,500.00. New Siemens drive is \$3,000.00 plus shipping and installation cost.

Discussion –

Jay O’Boyle made a motion for the approval of the drive (Siemens) at the Cost of \$3,000.00. This was seconded by Rob Cunningham.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was passed 4-0.

Brief discussion took place on settlement in the tank.. (J.G.) said yes, a lack of cleaning does cause the settlement.

Maintenance on Fire Extinguishers

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Information was given that the school has FirePro Tec Fire and Safety inspect their fire extinguishers yearly.

- Town Clerk
=Pete reported... nothing “jumps out for expense”.. It has been quiet.
=Collections are going well.. at 60%
Turn-offs 1 paid everything 1 working on a payment plan

New customer.. Coleen Joyce on Abnaki Road (11-02-26) an annual customer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

WATER USE ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF NORTH HERO, VERMONT

... as adopted by the North Hero Selectboard on November 03, 1997

Rob Cunningham, Terry and Jeff will review current ordinance. Jo-Ann will review past minutes to see what motions were put into place that should be noted and/or changed in the ordinance document.

Update on Water Tower Lease... Jay O'Boyle

Jay reported that a lease has been received. Said lease does reference a 30 year renewal option. Also, conversation has taken place for the Water Board to install a gate on site.. this expenditure would be at the expense of the Water Board.

Copy of said lease given to Terry Schaefer.

Note: once lease is in place – it will be necessary to have the signature of the Selectboard.

Board agreed that Jay consult with Attorney Gillies to review the wording of the lease and report back to the Board.

A “Cell” tower tenant was discussed. ... it would be wonderful if the Board could get a tenant.

Jay will look into this possibility and report back..

Update on the availability of fire protection (Federal) monies.. Terry Schaefer

Terry did check and found there to be no monies available for municipal water system. Monies seem to be earmarked for fire protection at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

EPA Funds

Administered through the State... Morrisville situation reviewed by Terry. The cost of taking meters in and out for seasonal folks was referenced, etc.

Town Conference Room

Terry noted that he does have a key to the meeting room.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR SHARING/INFORMATION

Agenda Items

Terry asked if anyone had agenda items they wanted to add to a meeting to please phone Jo-Ann.

Note: draft agenda is submitted to Terry Schaefer the Thursday before the regular meeting for his approval.

Public Notice

The need to have a public notice on the upcoming changes in the hook-on fee and increase in seasonal and annual water rates was discussed.

Suggestion was that a draft copy be prepared and shared with the Board of Select at their November 2nd meeting. From that point the notice is to be sent along to THE ISLANDER and posted also in the community.

Abnaki Road

For budget preparation, Terry, will check measurements for Abnaki Road pipe replacement so that a budget figure can be put in to place for replacement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

AGENDA BUILDING

- November 23, 2009
Board Discussion/Action ... Budget.. plans for monies to replace piping on Abnaki Road

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Rousseau made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:35 P.M. This was seconded by Jay O'Boyle.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo-Ann Tier