

Unapproved:

**North Hero Water Board Meeting
Board Meeting Room/Town Office
Monday, April 27, 2009 6:30 P.M.**

**IN ATTENDANCE: Water Board: Jay O'Boyle, Terry Schaefer, Rob Cunningham,
Robert Rousseau...**

Absent: Larry Dupont

Board Clerk: Jo-Ann Tier

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Pete Johnson

Water Operator: Jeff Gratton

Assistant Water Operator: Doug Ward

**North Hero Historical Society: Eileen Mitchell,
Bob Greenough and Lou Dorwaldt**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Terry Schaefer at 6:40 P.M.

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

**Terry referenced that the approval of minutes will take place after
the guest are recognized.**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Community Hall

**The letter received from Bob Greenough dated April 22, 2009
was shared with the Board.**

Bob Greenough reviewed with the Board..

- **Discussed past water service to the community hall.
The location of previous line was questioned and reviewed.**
- **new sprinkler system**
- **4" tap... if water tower becomes a reality perhaps
this could eventually take place.**
- **Dennis Irick will be doing the work as soon as possible.
Questioned.. is he one of the approved contractors by the Board.
Board replied = Ans. yes.**
- **2" line will be put in**

Questions of the North Hero Historical Society

1. cost to hook-on will be?
2. cost of water will be?
3. how soon can this take place?

Discussion.....

Robert Rousseau made a motion seconded by Rob Cunningham that the Board approve -

- 2" line to be put in
- the hook-on fee is to be waved
- water charge will be at the seasonal charge which is at a current price of \$495.00.
- that Dennis Irick is an approved contractor
- work can be started as soon as needed
- Jeff Gratton should be informed when work is to be done.

Hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 4-0.

Note: letter from Bob Greenough given to Town Clerk to file in North Hero Community Hall ERU file.

Eileen Mitchell... Flushing of waterlines

Eileen shared with the Board that she lives at 652 Bridge Road. In the process of the water flushing - damage was done to their driveway with the repairs costing them \$340.00.

Suggestion was made that moving the nozzle when the flushing is taking place will perhaps cause this not to happen.

Discussion followed.....

APPROVAL OF MINUTES... March 31, 2009

Jay O'Boyle made a motion that the minutes for March 31, 2009 be approved as read. This motion was seconded by Rob Cunningham... hearing no further discussion... this motion was carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Water Operator

Jeff reviewed his report with the Commission

- Spring run-off was very calm and hardly effected the plant effluent turbidity.
- Wet well # 3 was cleaned with Doug's help.
- Sent out PSA on HAA5.. current rest results 04.02.09 =.017, THM - 0.734 ppm.
- New transducer for wet well # 2 has been installed.
- Dwayne Cormier... still needs to do the VOSHA work.
- Working on calibrating pumps.

- **Fire department... low pressure alarms.. suggestion was was make to replace ball valve with a gate valve to reduce the risk of water hammering.**
Discussion...
Terry Schaefer will be in touch with the Fire Chief to share the concern of the low pressure alarms...
- **Doug trained on exercising more valves and flushing lines...**
- **Communication between camp owners and the Water Department is improving.**
- **Flushing twice a year.. seems be an improvement.**
- **Filter # 3 check valve on the blower feed to the backwash cycle is not functioning. New check valve ordered to replace the bad one.**

Prices for a new lawn mower were discussed...

- \$5,800.00
- \$3,990.00
- \$3,490.00
- \$2,500.00

It was noted that there is approximately 2 acres to cut.
Future agenda item.... It may be necessary to get directions from the Selectboard.

Accumulated time

Jeff shared with the Board his request to waive a policy for his accumulated time... 124 hours appear in the book at this time.
Jeff was asked by the commission to get-together with Pete Johnson and to make whatever corrections are necessary to make the records correct.

- **Town Clerk/Treasurer**
=update on delinquent water users
Discussion

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

Identity Theft Prevention Policy... adoption

Pete Johnson, Town Clerk/Treasurer reviewed with the Board how this policy came about.

Discussion...

Said policy was signed by: Robert Rousseau, Terry Schaefer, Rob Cunningham and Jay O'Boyle.

Note: Larry Dupont absent.. policy will be given to him to read.

Original documents given to Town Clerk/Treasurer at the

meeting.

Approval of Warrant

Warrant in the amount of \$72,416.35 was signed by Rob Cunningham, Jay O'Boyle, Robert Rousseau and Terry Schaefer.

CORRESPONDENCE AND SHARING

Public Notice.. (April 30, 2009) proposed water storage tower.. Robert Rousseau

Robert reported .. hearing will start at 7:00 P.M. Board encouraged to attend... Robert will moderate the hearing.....

Correspondence from Joe and Bev Poquette

Photo copy of the correspondence received from Joe and Bev Poquette was distributed to the commission.

Discussion...

Rob Cunningham made a motion that a letter be sent to Joe and Bev Poquette covering the following information:

- recognizing that Joe and Bev Poquette have 6 1/3 ERUs.
- 284 is noted for 1/3 shop
- recognizing that 102 and 280 have been vacant and the water has been shut-off. 102 since October 01, 2008 and 280 since September 01, 2008.
- Credit approved for 102 and 280 Quarry Road in the amount of \$695.00
- Joe and Bev Poquette are to notify the Town Clerk's Office of any changes in water usage. Any change in usage/billing will require Water Board approval.

This motion was seconded by Robert Rousseau.. hearing no further discussion this motion was carried.

Pete Johnson was asked to please match 911 numbers with the tax map number for a clearer understanding for not only his office but the Water Board.

Note: letter to be prepared and mailed to Joe and Bev Poquette.

Billing statement to accompany the letter mailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Bruce and Michelle Viani... 11-01-64

Terry shared that he has spoken with the Bruce Viani and reviewed the service pipe connection along with his encouragement for them to have a 2" line going down Clover Lane. Loss of pressure because their home being so far from the main was discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

AGENDA BUILDING

- **Next meeting... lawnmower... grass cutting**

ADJOURNMENT

**Robert Rousseau made a motion that the meeting adjourn at 7:55 P.M.
This motion was seconded by Rob Cunningham.. hearing no further
discussion.. this motion was carried 4-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo-Ann Tier

**C: Water Board: Larry/Rob/Terry/Jay/Robert
Town Clerk
Web Page
File**