

West Windsor Utility Advisory Committee Meeting, October 7, 2016

Draft minutes:

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. Quorum reached with Jim Bonney, David Leavitt, John Bossen, Gina Halsted, and Ralph Bailey present in person or by phone. Jeff Nelson joined by phone at 4:15. Selectboard member Tom Kenyon, Town Administrator Martha Harrison, and Clerk Connie May also present.

Changes or additions to agenda: John changed the order of some of the discussion.

Announcements/Public Comments: No announcements; no public present.

Approve minutes of last meeting: *Motion* made to dispense reading of minutes. Seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on Sewer Project: Town waiting to find out when work can be done at School, what is involved and at what cost. School under misimpression that piping from new bathroom connected to septic, and so gave A&E engineers incorrect information about their sewer system. Tom therefore thinks that cost of the work is the School's responsibility.

Update on Water Project: Booster pumps have arrived; new building should be completed end of next week. Tom very pleased with Manosh's work, which is ahead of schedule with savings being realized on a number of fronts. Tom hopes work will be completed early to mid-November. Only wrinkle is that pole has to be replaced; Tom having difficulty getting Fair Point and Green Mt. Power there at the same time, but working on it.

A&E determined that one line goes under bridge and recommended installation of 2 hydrants, so that if line breaks to one, there will be a back-up.

Mt. Side has poor water pressure. Martha said that switching from low to high zone will increase the pressure. Eight-inch line to Mt. Side hydrant to be installed where current 2 to 3" line is located. Tom expressed hope that this work will be done in the fall. Question arose as to payment of cost of installation. Town hopes that water-project will come in under budget, allowing excess funds to be used for the Mt. Side work. Martha found out from State that bond loan money can be used for this purpose.

David asked for clarification from engineers as to what Mt. Side occupants should expect after water is turned off and then back on for new piping for Mt. Side's old booster pump.

Financials: John reiterated that committee must have information about current and anticipated moneys in and out, not only to make recommendations regarding installation of piping to Mt. Side hydrant, but also to make recommendations regarding water and sewer rates for 2017. Committee has been waiting for financial update from Town. Tom replied that accountant working on this, and should have information for Town and committee within next week or two. Committee members reached agreement that when information available, committee should hold emergency meeting by teleconference.

Water allocations: Old pumps produced 43,000 gallons/day; anticipated production of new pumps is 65,000 gallons/day. Discussion of water allocations will be postponed until new pumps installed and

more information is available. Martha reminded everyone that Water System's supply capacity is 125,000 gallons, and State requires 65,000 gallons for fire protection.

Fire Pond Fire Protection: Tom discussed possibility of combining pond-dredging with pond-beautification, which would improve entry to Mt. Edge and enhance property values. Grant moneys might be available for beautification, but might Mt. Edge owners agree to special assessment for this work? Jeff said that would be a tough sell, since pond provides fire protection to entire mountain complex rather than just to Mt. Edge.

Ordinances: Martha reported that she drafted Water Ordinances based on ordinances used by three other water systems in VT, and send the draft to Win Johnson for his feedback. John reminded committee that our Sewer Ordinances could be a model for our Water Ordinances, but that Selectboard must first finalize the Sewer Ordinances, which were agreed upon by POA, Act 250 Commission and Selectboard. Since Sewer Company has been operating for 2 years without finalized Ordinances, John encouraged Selectboard to finalize the document.

Other Business: Jeff encouraged Town to work with appropriate State Commission to push Fair Point to install new pole. Tom replied that man he was working with from Fair Point was fired, and his replacement seems easier to work with.

Other Business: None noted.

Next Utility Advisory Committee Meeting: Emergency meeting to be scheduled in mid-October; date to be determined. Focus of discussion will be financials and implication of financials on Water Projects.

Adjournment: *Motion* made to adjourn. Seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.