

# **MEETING OF THE SPRAGUE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY**

Date: December 16, 2015  
Time: 4:00 PM  
Place: Sprague Town Hall  
Present: Dennison Allen, Tom Hannon, Jack Malone, Catherine Osten, First  
Selectman, William Idarola, Todd Hastings, Christine Kurtz, Wright  
Pierce  
Absent: None

## **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Dennison Allen, Chairman.

## **Minutes and Disbursements:**

Jack Malone made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2015 meeting and the disbursements for November in the amount of \$110,810.04. This motion was seconded by Bill Idarola. A vote was called and the motion was passed by all members voting in favor.

## **Wright Pierce:**

Christine asked the board members if they had heard from Norwich Public Utilities spokesman regarding the regionalization and discussion ensued. The project appears to be on hold at this time according to information we received.

Christine handed out maps of the Land Preserve showing a location that Wright Pierce's Lead Hydro geologist, Greg Smith has indicated that looks favorable for well development. Discussion followed. Cathy Osten, First Selectman said that they are currently involved with lead abatement and that no work regarding finding of wells can be done until this is completed. She indicated that the completion date is slated for May of 2016. The estimated costs for well development is estimated at \$15,000 to \$22,000.

## **First Selectman report:**

Cathy informed those in attendance that her capitol plans should be ready to review next month.

Cathy spoke to the board regarding well development and suggested other sites besides

the land preserve that she thinks might be viable for a secondary water source and would like us to look into them. Discussion.

### **Status Report from Todd Hastings:**

Todd informed the board that he was having issues with the recorder at the well house and explained what was happening. He ordered a new one but it appears to have fixed itself and discussion ensued as to whether to keep the recorder or send it back and pay a re-stocking fee. It was decided that due to the finicky one in place now we would keep this one for a spare in case it goes down again and doesn't come back up.

Todd told the board that one of the blowers at the sewer plant died and he replaced it with the spare on hand. Todd asked the board if they thought he should order another blower to have on hand as a replacement if another one goes down. Discussion followed. Dennison indicated that we should have one on hand. Kathleen asked that we do not order one until we have a chance to speak with USDA and see if there are any funds that could help in this purchase.

Todd went over the problem at Cumberland Farms with the board members and explained what they did to resolve the issue. Jim Benjamin had come to fix the problem and the cost of this repair was \$15,000. Kathleen handed out copies of Mr. Benjamin's bill for them to review. Board member Jack Malone asked where we were going to get the money to pay this bill. Discussion ensued. After much discussion it was decided that we would hold off paying this and Todd would get the Grant writer Andy Trudelle and go to USDA and see if we could get any funds for this emergency repair. For future emergency it was decided that we should have a SOP (standard operating procedure) written up with protocols to follow so that we do not lose the ability to get funds to help pay for emergencies. Bill Idarola, board member and Todd Hastings along with Andy Trudelle will get together and work on coming up with the SOP and we will review it at our January meeting.

Todd told the board that they have gotten everything ready for winter weather and the only thing left is to change over the tires on the vehicles.

### **Review bills for payment:**

A copy of the Check Detail was given to all the board members that detailed all the checks that have been written out since our September meeting. The board members reviewed the list. Any questions were answered.

### **Review past due accounts:**

A report was handed out to all board members. The amount of accounts past due is \$23,692.60 of that amount \$3,391.52 is with Attorney Lloyd Langhammer, \$2,103.63 of that amount currently has payment plans in place.

Versailles past due accounts total is \$2,002.50 and accounts with Attorney Langhammer is \$904.65.

**Any other business to come before said meeting:**

Dennison told the board that he would like to get together with Todd and Kathleen and come up with a draft of the Lisbon inter-municipal agreement for us to review. He indicated certain things that he would like to address in this agreement.

Tom Hannon wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Jack Malone. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.