

Waterbury Water and Sewer Commissioners
December 10, 2015
4:30pm, Main St. Fire Station
Minutes

Present: P. H. Flanders, R. Finucane, C. Parks, Commissioners; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; B. Woodruff, Public Works Director; M. Hunt, Staff; Jeff MacDonald, Fuss and O'Neill, C. Nelson, Board Secretary

Flanders called the meeting to order at 4:35pm. The board considered the agenda and by consent, approved as written.

Woodruff introduced the newest staff member for the Public Works Department, Matt Hunt. Hunt has filled the second operator position for the Water Dept.

Inline Micro Hydro Energy Project: MacDonald distributed a summary of a preliminary study completed by Fuss and O'Neil to propose that hydroelectricity components be added to the pressure reducing valves within the Village water system which would use the existing flows to generate hydropower for the Village. The proposed system would work similar to a solar meter, in which any hydroelectricity generated would be metered and credited back to the Village. Green Mountain Power has expressed interest in pursuing this project with the Village, and has submitted the proposal for a \$50,000 grant which would be provided to the Village should they choose to pursue the project. If the Village were to receive this grant, more information would need to be obtained before moving forward with GMP. After some discussion, **Finucane moved to accept the report from Fuss & O'Neil of the Step I Development of Hydroelectric Power and to pursue analysis of the project, pending receipt of the grant from GMP. Parks seconded the motion, a vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Update on Solar Array at Well Field: Shepeluk provided the board with an update on the operation of the solar array on Sweet Rd. He discussed ongoing issues with residents resulting from the glare produced by the panels. The board discussed possible solutions that have been provided by the solar company and the Village. **By consent, the board authorized the staff to meet with Green Lantern Capital to discuss these issues and how to resolve them.**

Monthly Public Works Reports: Woodruff distributed and discussed the monthly water and public works reports (attached). The wastewater report was not available.

Other items: Shepeluk distributed the budget reports to date and discussed upcoming transactions. No further action was taken.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting were reviewed. **Finucane moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Parks seconded the motion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm. The next regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Commissioners will be held on Monday, January 25th at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Nelson

Approved By: _____



Date: _____

