



TOWN OF HUDSON

Water Utility Committee

Leo Bernard, Chairman

Ken Massey, Selectmen Liaison



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Hudson Water Utility Committee (WUC) meeting minutes of October 20, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was opened by Chairman Leo Bernard at 5:03 pm in the Board of Selectman's conference room at Hudson Town Hall.

II. ATTENDANCE

The roll was called by Clerk David Shaw:

Committee Members:

Chairman Leo Bernard
Vice -Chairman Jeff Rider
Catherine Valley
David Shaw

Staff/Others:

Town Engineer Gary Webster
Water Utility Clerk Valerie Marquez
Selectman Liaison Ken Massey

III. PUBLIC INPUT – There was one resident in attendance who was contemplating joining the WUC.

IV CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Acceptance of Minutes
Minutes of Water Utility Committee from September 15, 2010
- B. Financial Status
 - 1.) Treasure's Report and cash flow, August 2010
 - 2.) Expenditure reports, August 2010
 - 3.) Expenditure reports, September 2010
- C. Operations Report (PWW)
 - 1.) August 2010

Motion was made by David Shaw to move consent item C1 to discussion.

Motion was made by Cathy Valley to accept consent items A1, B1 through B3.
Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Discussion of consent items:

Item C1 (PWW operations report, August 2010)

David Shaw questioned the "Parts Sold@ Butternut Lane" invoice listed under section II (Accomplished unplanned work) on sheet 9. Valerie Marquez to follow-up.

Motion was made by Jeff Rider to table PWW operations report (August 2010) to the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

V. OLD BUSINESS

1.) Cross-connection control regulation update (recommended by Pennichuck)

Motion by Jeff Rider to direct Jeff Rider to review and organize Cross-connection control regulation into an acceptable format. Seconded by Cathy Valley.
Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Leo Bernard informed the committee that the WUC budget had been approved by the selectman with a minor change. Selectman Ken Massey explained the capital relief fund has a balance of \$1,700,000 and the pump repair fund has a balance of \$335,000. Therefore, instead of placing \$175,000 into the capital relief fund and \$10,000 into the pump repair fund, the entire \$185,000 was placed into the capital relief fund. Jeff Rider pondered eliminating the pump repair fund, which was followed by discussion on the consequences of eliminating the fund.

Cathy Valley presented an article from the Nashua Telegraph, dated Monday September 14, 1970 (pg. 2, col. 7) provided by the Historical Society. The article summarizes the opening of the then-new Veterans Memorial Bridge, which spans the Merrimack River between Hudson and Nashua. Motion by Cathy Valley to direct Chairman Leo Bernard to compose letter to Pennichuck outlining the correct Bridge identification terminology. Seconded by David Shaw. Motion passed unanimously (3-0-1), with Chairman Leo Bernard in abstention.

Cathy Valley also presented a sample check register from the Hudson sewer committee. After a brief discussion, Chairman Leo Bernard offered to approach Jennifer Riel regarding the addition of a check register to WUC documentation.

VIII. REMARKS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Leo Bernard – None

Vice-Chairman Jeff rider – Stated it was nice to have a resident in the audience.

Cathy Valley – None

David Shaw – None

IX. REMARKS BY SELECTMAN & STAFF

Town Engineer Gary Webster updated the WUC on various items, including:

- New well exploratory activity, noting that the Alvrine Drive test site results showed high nitrates, possibly due to the proximity of residential leach fields. There are 3 other areas in town to test.
- Ducharme well pump repair, stating the pump should be online next week.
- Weinstein casing repair, where he proposed a slip-line repair to preserve maximum capacity.
- Observation wells, where another observation well was lost to clear cutting activity, in addition to the three observation wells previously lost.

Selectman Ken Massey – None.

Water Utility Clerk Valerie Marquez updated the WUC on water shut-offs, indicating 17 of 26 overdue accounts had been shut-off with 6 services restored after payment. Valeria also stated that November would be the last month for water shut-offs due to the December – April water shut-off ban.

Chairman Leo Bernard added his review of local law established that the water shut-off ban was only applicable to residential customers and not commercial customers, some of who do not pay their water bills until shut-off notice receipt. This prompted a brief revival of the ongoing late-fee / penalty discussion with Valerie stated that the town of Merrimack adds an immediate \$5 penalty if a bill is not paid on time.

Motion by Jeff Rider to direct Valerie Marquez to query other NH towns on their late fee/ penalty structure. Seconded by David Shaw. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

X. NEXT MEETING November 17th, 2010 in the BOS meeting room @ 5PM

XI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jeff Rider for adjournment. Seconded by David Shaw.
Motion passed unanimously (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM