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Meeting Date: 4/6/2023

Meeting Location: Upper Meeting Room, Mendon Town Hall

Minutes Approved: 10/12/23

Members Present: Allan Kent, Vincent Roy, Kevin Rudden,

Water Clerk: Dan Byer

Others: Jack Hunter

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 with all three commissioners in attendance. Jack Hunter (town planner) was also present.

The commission reviewed and signed bills, White Water sanitary survey, Hopedale Water, Amazon (supplies), and DigSafe quarterly bill.

Jack Hunter updated the commission on the water expansion study. He thought the presentation went well and was well received. All agree. Woodward and Curran are preparing a scope for phase 2 including actual field work, test wells, and sampling.

The commission discussed 143 Hartford Ave East. The property owner is interested in developing the lot but unable to get a water connection since it would be a change in use from residential to commercial. Jack and Dan had met with the owners. Jack explained the state is requiring a turning lane for the proposed 23 Cape Rd warehouse development and they will need to work with the owner of 143 HAE to buy land. He thinks there is a possibility to negotiate the contract with Hopedale to find something that could work for both towns and the private parties. The commission discussed the issues with the contract. There are around 48 lots that could be commercially developed if they could keep their water connections. Kevin shared our past work on this and attempts to negotiate changes in use. Vin asked about benefits to Hopedale. Allan asked how we measure the water. The commission discussed deed restrictions on Title V flow rates or the historic use of the properties. All agree they support Jack Hunter in trying to move forwards and work with town counsel to try and draft some proposed changes.

Kevin made a motion to support Jack's plan to draft an amendment to the contract, Vin seconded, all approved.

The commission discussed the Hopedale water rates. There is another proposed increase from Hopedale from 6.70 to 9.54. The board is not happy with the lack of communication from Hopedale and constant increases. All discussed the plan; we will need to hold a hearing to match Hopedale's rate increase. They proposed holding the hearing at the next meeting on 5/4

The commissioners discussed the Dudley Rd meter. Dan had a few questions from the contractor on the replacement project. Vin said we just want to replace the meter, not the valves. We are hoping to get this on the schedule soon.

Allan asked about the Plains Rd/Cape Rd meter. Dan said he isn't sure, we are waiting on Hopedale and the warehouse project over there.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.