



TOWN OF MENDON
WATER COMMISSION
P.O. Box 2
20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 18, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Dwight Watson

In attendance was: Chairman Dwight Watson, Shirley Smith, Vincent Cataldo, Linda Hawkes

Vincent Cataldo made a motion to approve the minutes from September 29, 2005, October 20, 2005 and November 16, 2005. Motion seconded by Shirley Smith. Discussion regarding no errors or omissions on minutes. Unanimous approval.

Dwight will attend meeting with Finance Committee on February 22, 2006

Discussion concerning the potential well site at Cobblers Knoll. Dwight concerned that acting without all of our ducks in order might jeopardize our bargaining position, and would like information kept tactfully "to our vests".

Discussion concerning Bellingham selling water. Dwight Watson says that we need an official plan and approval from Bellingham before jumping on board.

A payment from Gerard was brought up for discussion only for information.

Discussion concerning Capital Planning Committee and their request for capital needs over the next 10 years. Dwight maintains that any money that the Water Commission needs will be self-generated, so no need to get CPC involved.

The Drinking Water Program Water Quality Report Review Form was brought up to make sure it was ok to file it. All in agreement.

Reviewed bills to be paid: Tata and Howard, approved. RI Analytical, approved.

Discussion regarding the Annual Report that is/was due by January 13, by the law. BOS has not requested this of any department yet. It looks as though an Annual Report was not completed last year. Shirley Smith will do this and email it to Dwight Watson.

Discussion concerning clerical position and Linda Hawkes letter to BOS dated January 18. Informed the commissioners that as of Feb. 28, would resume doing only water bills. Working with Sec'y to Admin. Assistant to get phone lines set for receiving water calls, and getting program for water billing. Shirley Smith expressed some desire to get this ball rolling since water bills should be going out as soon as possible.

Next meeting date set for February 16, 7:00 in the upper town hall. Linda H. will reserve room and have meeting posted; A note will be added to the water bills informing the users of this meeting so that they have an opportunity to talk with the commissioners if need be.

Motion to adjourn was made by Shirley Smith. Seconded by Vince Cataldo. All in favor, unanimous approval.



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Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 16, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

In attendance was Chairman Dwight Watson, Shirley Smith, Vince Cataldo, Linda Hawkes and Tim Watson, CWO

Dwight Watson requests that any attendees sign in.

Open Session:

Robert Charron, 19 Talbott Farm Road, questions how it could go so high without notice. VC responds that there was adequate notice and explained ascending rate scale. SS responds DEP pushing for higher cost water. DW responds that rate increases are necessary. RC questions whether water just recharge wells. VC says no, it's coming from Hopedale. SS says no, in fact transeaporation decreases effective re-use of water; VC discusses private well vs. town well

Mary Beauchamp, Hartford Ave., questions options available: well, pay bill, Hopedale, Bellingham. DW responds that the intent of the Water Board is to protect water users. Had no choice w/ Hopedale, investigating well in town, and Bellingham. MC questions maintenance costs for well. DW responds 1M to put in, 1M interest. SS responds that USDA has 1% loans for low income persons. VC responds that expenses include operator (10K), treatment plant, and makes the point that more people means less bill. Dudley Road not included because it's on a separate contract.

Mark Armstrong, 7 Talbott Farm Road, questions whether water will be shut off. VC answers no. MA questions status of deal w/ Bellingham. VC answers

that Bellingham needs town approval. DW responds that any deal w/ Bellingham will have to be long term, and to our benefit, and cheaper than finding our own well.

Louis Merolli, 31 Bates Street, questions if Bellingham hookup (meter) is still available. VC responds yes, but Bellingham wanted 180K to hook up. TW responds that water usage shouldn't go so high. Robert Charron upset that he should be reprimanded for using water, when he (Charron) believes that he should have been advised more accurately what the increase would be. DW adds that the master meter was not accurate and the new meter is now installed and is preventing "free" water.

Unidentified User questions what will happen in 2/2007 when contract w/ Hopedale expires. VC responds that Hopedale won't go over present deal (highest rate plus 25%). Questions what happened to the tie-in fees (\$2000.00?). SS responds that she thought tie in was \$500.00. VC responds that any extra money went into town fund because water dept. didn't have it's own account. Now, water dept. has it's own fund.

Unidentified user, Bates Street, questions whether we can go back and get money back from town that was turned back from fees. VC responds that it's a great idea. User questions hookup at Bates Street for an interested person. VC responds that the contract with Hopedale prevents that and that if we have a well, it would enable plus or minus 40 more hookups, all of which will be assessed as w/ town water, whether they hook up or not.

Andrew Chu, 22 Talbott Farm Drive, questions whether water will get cheaper. VC, SS, DW respond no. AC questions if people living along pipeline share cost of well being put in. VC responds people going along get a betterment fee and pay minimal, but people using the system actually pay.

Tom Gibbons, 4 Talbott Farm Drive, questions usage at his house, but it is what it is. TG questions minimum fee. VC responds that the assessment is questionable, but minimally, \$65.00/quarter. Discuss assessment vs. betterment, and it was decided that a legal opinion was needed for correct terminology. TG questions whether users have to pay for betterment on HAE, and do all persons who have water lines running by house have to pay assessment. Deferred to legal counsel.

Unidentified User, questions when meeting with Bellingham. VC responds probably after their town meeting in May. DW responds that he is in contact with Bellingham DPW director at least 1X/week. VC responds that we need a 25 year contract w/ Bellingham.

Wesinger, 26 Bates Street, has a bill that needs to be abated. Water is off at street. No usage, etc. TW instructed to make a note in the book. (see further action below)

Discussion by DW re funding from USDA Rural Development and lending for water sources. VC discussed needing well for town which is gravel packed and benefits of that vs. rock well. Milford Water Co. did testing 20 years ago near Colonial Drive, but records not available. Have \$8000.00 left to do exploration (of \$16,000.00)

Andrew Chu wonders how much he will have to pay for water system if he shuts off water. Need legal opinion. SS wonders if the legal opinion can be put on website. DW responds yes.

Ben Leone requests explanation of minimum charge. VC answers

Mary Beauchamp requests if pipe for new well, if at HAE/Prov. Street can be laid with new HAE improvements. VC responds pipe laying would be good and easy at HAE.

Wesinger bill taken back and NOT TO BE ABATED to avoid possible reconnection fee after that house is destroyed and rebuilt.

VC discusses wells at Varney's, Ferrucci, Cobbler's Knoll and potential use, or potentially getting water rights.

Unidentified User questions water rates after new well. VC responds that we don't know. SS responds that we won't know until we have better idea of location.

Discussion concerning Abe Rosenfeld 40B project. VC says that if Mendon has our own system, we would sell it to him and not Bellingham.

Robert Daniels questions whether we have a copy of the letter we sent out concerning 60% increase. DW not sure. TW says state limits will be 65 gallons/person and over usage might result in state not issuing well permit

Discussion concerning Miscoe Springs. Discussion concerning town owned well and pros/cons. DW responds Rt. 16 residents supplied by Hopedale. SS responds that if houses are contaminated in Mass., filter systems put in if they couldn't hook into public system.

Unidentified user questions if someone disconnects, can another person right across the street hook up? VC responds yes, SS responds good point, TW responds run through legal opinion, TW will look at contract.

Larry Coletta, 12 Edward Road, says water rates must include sewer. VC responds no sewer. LC questions what happens if he can't afford water and the water gets shut off. DW says possible condemnation. LC leaves with offer of helping out if he can do anything, please call.

Discussion concerning stuck meters. Will be cleaned and fixed.

Commitment letter for water bills signed by three commissioners.

SS requests a copy of Accounts Receivable (done and delivered 2/21/06)

Discuss water ban earlier this year? Possible.

Memo to Fire Dept. re: fire hydrant at 27 Talbott Farm Drive initialed by DW

Approved bills for Linda Hawkes, Hopedale/South Meter, Hopedale/Fire hydrant fees. Bills to be questioned include Tata and Howard (was this work done? No work done in Jan., no contact since December), Hopedale/Westcott meter (# meters?), Milford Water Company (what is this for??)

TW and VC discussed connection fees and how much it made sense or not. TW says Hopedale rate increases don't get transferred to Mendon.

Annual Report passed around for review. Has already been submitted to BOS

Discuss Zoning Board meeting w/ Abe Rosenfeld on April 4. Water Commissioners not interested in attending.

Reviewed mail from RI Analytical and DEP form for Annual Statistical Report (not necessary)

Meeting with Dudley Road residents initially scheduled for Thursday, February 23, but changed to Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 to coincide with DW meeting w/ Fin Comm. Send letter to all Dudley Road users about meeting at 7:30 (to give commission time to meet, discuss, and then speak to users while DW is with Fin. Comm.). Discussion about Dudley Road rates: need legal opinion. DW will question town lawyer as to whether the rates for Dudley Rd. are set for the users or the town.

Set next regular meeting for March 15, 2006. 7:00 pm

VC says to post meeting for 2/22, 6:30, with invitations to Dudley Road users to come in at 7:30 pm.

Discussed Arons bill. Need to test outgoing meter for accuracy. TW will take meter, test it and we'll find out. Meanwhile, total bill has to be paid and then appealed. Need Pam Arons to call back.

VC discusses contract for Hopedale and Dudley Road users and maintains that the contract is between Hopedale and Mendon, and Mendon has the authority to charge whatever is necessary.

Motion made by VC to adjourn, 10:40 pm. Seconded by SS. Unanimous approval.



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MENDON WATER COMMISSION Minutes of Meeting, February 22, 2006

Clerk arrived 7:10 pm

In attendance: Chairman, Dwight Watson, Shirley Smith, Vince Cataldo, Tim Watson, CWO, and Linda Hawkes

Meeting previously opened for unofficial discussion by DW. Due to the holiday on Feb. 20, the posting for this meeting was not advertised until less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. However, the meeting with the Finance Committee (2/22/06, 7:15 pm) had been posted, so although the water Commissioners could meet in advance of that properly posted meeting, no decisions or votes could be made until after the start of the posted meeting. The meeting for the Dudley Road users could continue as posted at 7:30 pm. SS had indicated verbally that she would not be at meeting before 7:15 pm; VC had indicated verbally that 7:30 could be new start time, DW had indicated that he would attend Fin. Comm meeting first (at 7:15 pm), then join Water Commission after.

Open discussion with Frank Niro, Dudley Road. FN asserts that Dudley Rd. has an association, and is not subject to town rates for water. VC discusses that Dudley Road does not have an association, and if maintenance were to be done, it is assumed by the tax payers of the whole town. FN says that the association can form their own water district and be or have their own CWO and contract w/ Hopedale for water, and repairs have to be paid for by association.

Meeting moved to lower town hall meeting room due to size of crowd and availability of room downstairs.

Meeting re-convened at 7:30 pm. Attending: Vince Cataldo, Shirley Smith, Tim Watson, Linda Hawkes.

VC introduced the board, and excused DW who was attending meeting w/ FinComm.

Open session:

Gloria Turi, Dudley Road, wonders what Dudley Road has to do with the rest of the town; VC responds that the whole system being maintained by Mendon. Craig Dobbs, Dudley Road, wonders what type of testing has to be done that a water system would have to pay for. VC responds water quality testing. Discussion clarifying that the Certified Water Operator (TW) is from Hopedale, but is paid for and contracted by Mendon.

TW discusses that contracts in existence with three separate areas of Mendon, (Bedrosian, Rt. 16 in contaminated well area, and S. Mendon) and that the contract is between the town of Hopedale, and the Town of Mendon, NOT the users. However, all users licensed under one number, therefore are one system. Clarifies that Dudley Rd. has an association for sewer, not water. VC responds that repairs are the responsibility of Mendon Town users and ownership of the pipes was assumed when the road was approved. Craig Dobbs says the only service rendered is to provide water. VC responds that in addition, maintenance and repair are responsibility of town. VC says well exploration going forward, but it won't help Dudley Road, but still, we are all one system.

Mark Willis, 6 Dudley Rd, asks how is the cost structure set up? Also, quality of water is bad for high cost of water. TW responds that quality is a function of high iron content. Testing is required, and it has been determined that it is not a hazard. Hopedale can't put in a treatment plant w/out DEP approval, which is ongoing. Water is bad all over Hopedale. VC responds that high costs had been deferred. MW restates that the water is not worth it, how is the price formulated? TW responds that Mendon obligated to pay at a higher rate, therefore must charge a higher rate, and that Mendon paid for \$50K worth of water, and billed out \$53000. for half year., so barely enough to maintain SS responds that state regulating higher fees for higher usage.

Craig Dobbs wonders how to use LESS than minimum use? VC responds that there are two Water Commissioners on the system as well, and the high bills that were just received were for high usage months. TW says problem compounded by the fact that users were charged Milford Water rates, who are private company. CD wonders why bills quadrupled when rates didn't? Craig Dobbs asks why a hydrant was left open for days last year, just wasting water? TW responds that it shouldn't have been left open.

Mark Willis asks why not wells? VC says that wells are expensive; SS responds that wells are a good alternative.

Gloria Turi states that she was told that Mendon water problems of last year would have no effect on Dudley Road users. Questions why, when she called, did Milford answer? VC responds that Milford did the billing for Mendon, and we used to purchase water from Milford. GT questions why did the rates jump so high? VC responds that the contract in existence for Dudley Road is between the Town of Hopedale and the Town of Mendon, and not the users or Taniel Bedrosian. An association of the users can be formed, but it will not be cheap. GT questions what are the rates. TW quotes the rates (whatever Hopedale pays, which is \$2.02, 0-2000- \$2.42, 2000-6000, - \$3.55, 6000 and over), explains how Hopedale bills Mendon, in general (total usage divided by the number of houses on Dudley Road, which creates a per house usage, which is billed as above). VC says the more houses on the system, the lower the bills, and explains that Milford threatening to shut off the water resulted in higher fees. Unidentified user wonders who negotiates the contracts? SS responds that Hopedale is a PUBLIC water company, unlike Milford, and is not allowed to make a profit.

Craig Dobbs wonders why if Hopedale is up 40%, Milford up 30%, why is it up 300% for Dudley Road? VC responds that it's in the usage, and 6 month billing. With no increase in usage, how such an increase in dollar amount? Discussion regarding the contract between Hopedale and Mendon. 6 Dudley Road disagrees and states that his usage is less or equal, and yet bill up far more. Unidentified maintains that the contract states that the rate shall be the same as what would be charged Hopedale user highest rate. SS suggests that town counsel should be involved. TW restates that the contract is between the towns, not the town and users. Unidentified states that this will result in a lawsuit. VC states that threatening lawsuit against Mendon Water will result in shutting water off. VC clarifies that Rosenfeld is not part of Mendon system, no one individual or entity besides Mendon has a contract w/ Hopedale. VC states that if South Mendon gets water for cheap money, shouldn't the whole system get charged that same cheap

rate? Craig Dobbs says no, Dudley Road is separate. VC maintains that that wouldn't go over well if another part of town paid less, and besides, it's all one system, therefore all one rate structure.

Mr. Turi wonders what South Mendon users are charged for water? TW responds that S. Mendon is charged approx. \$4.55, the highest rate plus 25%. GT says that is unfair; that the contract is clear. SS indicates that she can see how the contract can be viewed as Dudley Rd. users paying what Hopedale rate payers pay.

Frank Niro states that the contract between Mendon and Hopedale is clear. Discussion concerning different rates, and how there is a difference between what the TOWN pays Hopedale, and what the users pay the town. VC says rates will probably not go down, even if purchasing water from Bellingham. .

Mr. Turi wonders if Hopedale wants Dudley Road off their system. VC says yes. TW agrees. VC says town turned down water proposal. Gloria Turi says they were told that the deal between Milford/Hopedale/Mendon would not affect them. SS says they can come to all meetings as they are public to keep up with what's going on.

Dwight Watson returns to meeting.

Craig Dobbs thinks its advisable to have attorneys involved. DW says that town counsel should render an opinion within a few days. SS agrees.

VC summarizes Milford Deal. DW says that town counsel is looking at the contract between Dudley Road/Mendon/Bedrosian and Hopedale. Frank Niro states that Dudley Road is a homeowners Association. VC says he's not sure how that could be. And wonders what will happen in 20 years when the contract w/ Hopedale is up. Gloria Turi sure that Taniel Bedrosian will be shocked if the contract proves to allow Mendon to charge its own rate. TW responds that it is a 'catch 22'. Mr. Turi states that the contract can't be interpreted as anything but what it is: Dudley Road should pay what Hopedale pays due to contract. TW maintains that the agreement is between the towns, not the users and the town of Hopedale. Unidentified maintains that when they purchased their houses, this was presented as a solid contract between the Hopedale and the individual house owner.

Mark Willis wonders how to has it out? VC states that we should wait for a legal opinion and hopefully it won't cost \$. VC states that DEP has a problem w/ Dudley Road in that the state wants the users on Dudley Road to be a separate system, and not a consecutive system. TW states that he has no problem with Hopedale treating Dudley Road as Hopedale residents, which would alleviate problem w/ DEP IF DEP would allow that.

Motion made by Vince Cataldo to hold bills until Town Counsel reviews it and renders and opinion and bills are hashed out. Seconded by Shirley Smith. Unanimously approved.

Mark Willis wonders how the users will be advised. A meeting was scheduled for Water Commission on March 9, at 7:30 pm with Town Counsel. Meeting originally scheduled for March 15 needs to be cancelled.

Unidentified user, 17 Dudley Road, wonders what would happen if a town well was put in? VC responds nothing; still get water from Hopedale. Rates might be different. DW discussed the possibility of establishing an association to avoid DEP problems and wanting them to be separate water district. SS says that most systems are consecutive systems. SS says she has info on forming a water district if anyone were interested.

Mr. Turi wonders how South Mendon Users get water, and the status of discussions with Bellingham, and the relationship with Milford and Hopedale. VC responds with history of water supply from Bellingham, to Milford, then Hopedale, and master meter problems. Bellingham will not be selling water until 2014. DW states that water will most likely not be cheaper in any event. LH states that bills are set as is, and any changes will have to be adjusted/abated after, and that process is unclear at this moment.

Richard Thorn, 20 Dudley Road, discussed semi-annual rate forces users into a higher rate bracket, and quarterly billing would avoid this. VC agrees and discussed the cost of water to Hopedale and how Mendon had to "borrow" \$60K at recent town meeting just to cover the cost of buying water on a quarterly basis, and only billing on a semi-annual basis.

Frank Niro asked if the meter for Dudley Road is assessed separately, and if it is, shouldn't water be charged only for that water? VC says the rate structure is still questionable. FN wonders why Dudley Road has to pay for repairs to meter for S. Mendon. VC responds because we are all part of one system. Discussion

concerning private wells vs. public. TW indicates quality might suffer, but it is an alternative. DW restates that he and VC are also users and affected equally. SS says water in shorter and shorter supply, so price will increase. VC states that fishes more important than people who need to drink. SS states she hasn't paid a cent for water in 20 years, and her water tastes better than Poland Spring.

Discussed memo to FinComm re: FY07 budget. Not sure if budget for FY07 was submitted. DW says he has something from Claudia Cataldo seeming to show that the FinComm had been given numbers for FY07. LH had spoken w/ Claudia, and Claudia had said she didn't submit anything. LH will get budget amounts from FY 05, 06 and 07 and enter FY 07 amounts into KVS based on amounts on memo that DW has already discussed with FinComm. Do not need line item for well exploration. Contracted services are for Tim Watson. Water purchases doubled. KVS should be used for water billing.

Signed revised commitment letter to Treasurer to replace the one that was signed at the last meeting. This commitment includes Dudley Road users, which bills will have to be abated if need be later.

Approved bill for Tim Watson to be paid.

Discussed Leone bill. Commissioners agreed to reduce usage by 800 cubic feet. SS says that average should be based on last two years. LH average usage for last two years 5050/year, so estimated bill is accurate. LH will write letter, granting abatement of 800 cu feet.

Discussed P. Arons. We are waiting for her to contact Tim to install new meter. The bill would most likely need an adjustment. The rules say that the meter has to be tested and if it is not ok, the bill gets paid based on the same time period of the last year. See rules.

Discussion re: clerical position. LH suggests BOS talk to Water Comm. Re clerk, because as of 2/28 LH only doing billing. Rumors re whether previous clerk resuming duties; need to figure it out. VC says Missy had said she'd want to do it, making rumor questionable. LH clarifies that the last thing we need is for more unknowns going on. DW states that more clerical help needed for well explorations, etc. VC says he can envision 15 hours/week.

9:25 pm Shirley Smith made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Vince Cataldo. Unanimous approval.



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, March 23, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Dwight Watson at 7:00 P.M.

Shirley Smith, Vincent Cataldo and Dwight Watson were present. Missy Kakela-Bottoms the administrative assistant was also present. Stan Weinberg town counsel was also present. Patrick Lalley of the Milford Daily News and Selectwoman Sharon Cutler were present.

Dwight told Stan the three current contracts that Mendon has, Route 140 area, Route 16 area and Dudley Road. Dwight gave some history and information about each contract. Stan asked what were their expenses. Dwight told him there expenses were the certified water operator, water testing, equipment maintenance, and so one. Stan wanted to know why he was here. Dwight explained the problem with Dudley Road is the 25% increase. Shirley and Vinnie agreed.

Vinnie also had questions about as to if some one wants to get off the system and then after a while they want to reconnect to the system what do they charge and hook up fee which could be thousands of dollars or a simple hook up fee which could be a lot less. The other question was if we did get our own source or bought from Bellingham and we allowed 240 hook ups that any additional connections had to be approved at a town meeting preferably at an annual town meeting. This way the question of expansion would be settled by the voters. Sharon told Stan that it is important that these questions be answered so that the users can make a decision.

The commissioners will go forward with talking to Bellingham but will not give up totally on finding our own source.

Shirley made a motion to put our minutes on the website. Vinnie did not second the motion; he need time to think about it. There was a question as to whether they would be put on the web and not been approved by the commissioners. Sharon told them that she would get an answer to that question. She added that is some thing that all board should consider.

Sharon also suggested that they send a letter as a board to the people and let them know what is happening and where they are at with things.

The commissioners thanked Sharon for stopping by, they signed bills, reviewed mail and set meetings for April 6th and 20th.

Vinnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shirley seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Approved April 5, 2006



Mendon Water Commission
Agenda
Thursday, April 5, 2006

Delinquent Bills

Minutes from March 23, 2006

Sign bills and review mail

Approved May 23, 2006



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, April 5, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Dwight Watson at 7:05 P.M.

Vincent Cataldo, Shirley Smith and Dwight Watson were present. Missy Kakela-Bottoms the administrative assistant was also present.

Dwight steps down as Chairman and made a motion to allow Debbie Shaw to come in and work on the water bills. Vinnie seconds the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

The commissioners agreed to have Debbie review all bills prior to them being mailed to the customers. Shirley made a motion to go back to quarterly bill. Vinnie seconds the motion. All members agree. Motion carried.

Shirley made a motion to accept the minutes from January 18, 2006, February 16, 2006, February 22, 2006 and March 23, 2006. Vinnie seconds the motion. All members agree. Motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed mail and signed any bills. They scheduled their next meeting to be April 20, 2006.

Vinnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shirley seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved May 23, 2006



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Dwight Watson at 7:00 P.M.

Vincent Cataldo and Dwight Watson were present. Missy Kakela-Bottoms the administrative assistant was also present. Shirley did not attend due to candidate's night.

The commissioners signed bills and reviewed mail. Dwight Watson step down as Chairman and made a motion at this time the Mendon Water Commission does not have a problem that the water line that runs thru the Grist Mill project has not been deeded over or an easement has not been granted, knowing that the water line must be moved. And at the time of completion of the project it will either be deeded over and/or an easement be granted. Vinnie seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried.

Dwight made a statement for the recorded that he condemns Commissioner Smith attended the ZBA meeting on April 4, 2006 for another organization but instead miss represented the Mendon Water Commission. The commissioners did not authorize Commissioner Smith to speak on the behalf of the commission concerning Mr. Abe Rosenfelds project known as Grist Mill.

Further more the Commissioners did not give her permission to appear before Mike McCue, Town Administrative Assistant for permission to speak to Town council. Mr. McCue informed the Commission that he was under the impression she was acting under the direction of the full board. Several days later she again appeared before him and that she had permission to talk to town council. At no time did they give her permission to discuss any thing with town council.

Vinnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting to attend the ZBA and then will reconvene. Dwight seconds the motion. Both agreed.

Meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Vinnie made a motion that at not time will any member of the water commission be allowed to contact town council thru the Town Administrative Assistant without signed authorization of the Chairman of the Water Commission on water commission letterhead. Dwight seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried.

Vinnie made a motion to accept the minutes for Tuesday, April 25, 2006. Dwight steps down as Chairman seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried.

Vinnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dwight steps down as Chairman seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved April 25, 2006



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, May 11, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Dwight Watson at 7:01 P.M.

Vincent Cataldo, Dwight Watson and new member Bob Gilchrist were present. Missy Kakela-Bottoms the administrative assistant was also present. Shirley Smith, Don Keller, Louis Fitzgerald, Dick Skinner and residents from Dudley Road were present.

Dwight thanked Shirley for all her hard work. Shirley said that it was a degrading experience. Dudley Road resident were present to observe.

Dwight told them that they have been in contact with town counsel but still do not have any answers. There will not be any interest or penalties on their bills. Vinnie said that this is very easy to review and should not have taken so long. Don Keller of Cape Road was wondering about town counsel and suggested Kopelmen & Page. He suggested the board might want to get permission to contact another council.

The commission discuss the different possibilities of going to Bellingham, our own well, Milford Water Company and Hopedale. The history was discussed, where they had done testing. Some questioned if they left the system all together would there still be betterments or an assessment they would be responsible. The commissioners were not sure.

At this time the commissioners reorganized, Vinnie made a motion for Dwight to continue to be chairman. Bob seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried. Dwight accepts the job. Bob makes a motion to make Vinnie vice chairman. Dwight steps down as chairman and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried. Vinnie accepts the job.

Community Church at 4 Harrington Street has requested water hook up. Vinnie makes a motion to approve the hook up. Bob seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. This connection would be off of the Route 16 area of town and has no affect on the Route 140 area.

The commissioners agreed to send out delinquent letter to customers who have not paid their water bills. The commissioners will be meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2006.

Vinnie make a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Approved June 6, 2006



Mendon Water Commission
Agenda
Tuesday, May 23, 2006

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Open forum

Discuss water bill for Bethany Assembly of God and 7 Cape Road

Discuss 4 Talbott Farm Drive

Minutes from April 5, 2006

Sign bills and review mail

Approved June 6, 2006



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, May 23, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Dwight Watson at 7:02 P.M.

Vincent Cataldo, Dwight Watson and new member Bob Gilchrist were present. Missy Kakela-Bottoms, administrative assistant and Tim Watson, certified water operator were also present. Shirley Smith, Don Keller, Louis Fitzgerald, Dick Skinner and other unidentified persons were present.

Dwight started the meeting with open forum. Shirley stated for the record that she is taping the meeting. Dick Skinner asked about legal question for counsel concerning the pipe. Dwight said that we have not heard from counsel. He believes there should only be a re-connection fee. Dick Skinner asked will there be any hidden cost if he leaves the system completely. Don Keller asked what liability would they have if they go to a well because the pipe is in front of their house.

Louise Fitzgerald wanted a legal opinion as to who is responsible for allowing the Milford Water Company contract to laps. She believes the town bares responsibility.

Don Keller wanted it noted for the record about his land and a vacant lot around him as a perfect site for a town well. Vinnie said that he talked to Tata & Howard and was informed that is not a good site for the simple reason, the Charles River.

Dwight closed open forum at 7:40 p.m. and continues with the agenda. He thanked residents for attending.

Vinnie made a motion to accept the minutes for April 5, 2006. Dwight steps down as chairman and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried.

Vinnie made a motion to allow Bob to talk with counsel. Bob seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

Tim will look at the meters for Bethany Assembly of God and 7 Cape Road. The commissioner will attend a meeting in Bellingham on June 1, 2006 in Bellingham.

Bob had an idea to send a press release. Vinnie and Dwight agreed.

All business was conducted according to the agenda. Dwight asked if any one had any more questions of the commission. Noting there was no one in the meeting audience. Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vinnie seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approved June 6, 2006



Mendon Water Commission
Agenda
Tuesday, June 6, 2006

7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. – Taniel Bedrosian of Dudley Road

7:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Open Forum

Delinquent bill policy

Sign bills and review mail

Minutes from May 11, 2006 and May 23, 2006

Approved July 13, 2006



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Dwight Watson at 7:02 P.M.

Vincent Cataldo, Dwight Watson and new member Bob Gilchrist were present. Missy Kakela-Bottoms, administrative assistant was also present. Shirley Smith, Don Keller, Louis Fitzgerald, Attorney Alan Greenwall, Taniel Bedrosian and other unidentified persons were present.

Attorney Greenwall explained the suit was between Hopedale and Bedrosian. The Town of Mendon was part of it because the houses are in Mendon. His argument is that the contract between Mendon and Hopedale states Mendon will pay Hopedale rates. Dudley Road residents want to pay rates that Hopedale charged and not pay what the rest of the department pays.

Vinnie tried to explain that there are more the rates then just the water itself. There is testing, hydrant flushing, certified water operator so on and so on. The Dudley Road resident want to pay for water at Hopedale rates.

Bob questions the current rate plus additional 25% being charged by Hopedale for the route 140 area. Greenwall believes it is grossly unfair and not to group Dudley Road with the rest of the town.

Bob told the audience that they just received this letter from council and need time to review before they can make a judgment. Greenwall thinks that there should be different rates for different parts of town. One for Dudley Road, a different rate for route 140 areas, if a subdivision came on the Bellingham side a different rate for that area.

The commissioners thanked Attorney Greenwall and others for attending and that they would not be making a decision tonight as far as the bills for Dudley Road.

Residents from the Route 140 area remained and asked questions again concerning if they left the water system and so on. The commission still has not received any word from

council. It is Bob's opinion that there would be no betterments, no additional costs for leaving the system, but if you came back there would be a connection fee.

The Commissioners discussed their meeting with Bellingham and that it went well and they came away with good feelings. They went to Bellingham to introduce themselves, to start new talks, and not to dwell in what did or did not happen in the past.

The commissioners reviewed delinquent bills and to send certified letters. They also signed bills.

Bob made a motion to accept the minutes for May 11 and May 23 with the correction of the spelling of the word council. Vinnie seconds the motion. All members agree. Motion carried.

Vinnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Approved July 13, 2006



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Wednesday, June 21, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Dwight Watson at 7:04 P.M.

Vincent Cataldo, Dwight Watson and new member Bob Gilchrist were present. Missy Kakela-Bottoms, administrative assistant was also present. Shirley Smith, Dick Skinner, Louis Fitzgerald, Frank Niro and other unidentified persons were present.

The commissioners have had time to review the letter from town council. Vinnie said this is one system how can we charge separate rates. Bob and Dwight agreed it is one system and have one rate structure. They were never charge a different rate from the Route 140 area. So of the problem might be this was the first semi-annually bill.

Based on town council's opinion they have agreed that the bills for Dudley Road stand as original billed. If they would like to appeal the bills they may do so. Frank Niro of Dudley Road told the commissioner that it might have been concerns because of the amount and being the first semi-annual bill. He understands the cost for separate rates but he has concerns about the future. He accepts their position but wants recognize the uncertainty of the other side of town.

Bob told Mr. Niro that hopefully working with Bellingham they can get a better rate for the 138, which would be better for the whole system. There was a question from the audience about a town well. Dwight told the audience there is no dead issue. They are still work on a town well, working with Bellingham or Hopedale.

Dick Skinner asked it the commissioners have heard from council about their questions. Dwight told him they are still waiting. Mr. Skinner thought maybe he should pay a visit to the Selectmen's office to ask what is taking so long.

Vinnie made a motion to accept the Consumer Confidence Report. Bob seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

The board will meet on July 13, 2006 at 6:00 and then they will go to Hopedale.

Vinnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved July 13, 2006



Mendon Water Commission
Agenda
Thursday, August 17, 2006

Discuss water billing and rate

Review email from Kopelman & Page

4 Talbott Farm vote

Review minutes from Hopedale – July 13, 2006

Review mail & sign bills

Set September meeting date

Approved September 5, 2006



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, August 17, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Dwight Watson at 7:01 P.M.

Vincent Cataldo, Dwight Watson and Bob Gilchrist were present. Missy Kakela-Bottoms the administrative assistant was also present. Dick Skinner and Matt Lynch from the Milford Daily News.

The commissioners received information from KVS regarding their billing program. The commissioners will review it and discuss at their next meeting. The commissioners reviewed the e-mail from Kopelman & Page for the questions that residents about the water users. *(The comments are attached to the minutes.)*

The commissioner discussed the over due bill for 4 Talbott Farm Drive since they have disconnected and no longer on the system. Vinnie made a motion to have the over due water bill placed on the actual FY 2007 tax bill. Bob seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the minutes for July 13, 2006 that Mr. Skinner was kind enough to take. Vinnie made a motion to accept the minutes from July 13, 2006. Bob seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

They then discussed changing the minimum charge. Bob did some figures and said that it would not make a difference to change the minimum of \$50.00 to the \$100.00 for the semi annual bill. Bob made a motion to keep the bills as is. Vinnie seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

They reviewed mail and signed bills. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 05, 2006.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vinnie seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved September 5, 2006



Mendon Water Commission
Agenda
Tuesday, September 05, 2006

Vote on Tim's increase

Discuss KVS

Review minutes for August 17, 2006

Sign bill and review mail

Set meetings for October

Approved October 3, 2006



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, September 5, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Dwight Watson at 7:05 P.M.

Vincent Cataldo, Dwight Watson and Bob Gilchrist were present. Missy Kakela-Bottoms, administrative assistant was also present.

The commissioners discussed Tim Watson's increase of \$500.00. They would like to have Tim come into their next meeting. They will meet on October 3, 2006. They reviewed a questionnaire that was sent by KVS, the commissioners believed Tim would be the best person to answers the questions.

Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as written for August 17, 2006. Vinnie second the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed mail and signed any bills.

Vinnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved October 3, 2006



Mendon Water Commission
Agenda
Tuesday, October 03, 2006

7:00 p.m. – Tim Watson

7:30 p.m. – Bellingham Contract

Review minutes from September 5, 2006

Set next meeting

Sign bills and review mail

Approved November 14, 2006



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, October 3, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Dwight Watson at 7:01 P.M.

Vincent Cataldo, Dwight Watson and Bob Gilchrist were present. Missy Kakela-Bottoms, administrative assistant was also present. Shirley Smith, Don Keller, and Dick Skinner were in attendance.

The commissioners signed bills and reviewed mail until Vinnie was present to discuss other matters.

Don Keller asked what is the status and what the commissioners are looking into. Dwight told him that is one of the reasons they are waiting for Vinnie. Bob and Dwight had a conversation with audience members about the old Bellingham contract that was negotiated in the past, buy in fees, and assessments.

Vinnie is now present, and has told the other commissioners that he had talked to Tim about his contract and the \$500.00 and it was for the additional meter reading. The others were fine with that. He also told them that the likeliness of a long-term contract with Hopedale is not going to happen.

Bob gave the commissioners copies of the contract he would propose the Bellingham and they reviewed it and were in agreement to have Bob send it off to Bellingham. Vinnie made a motion to send the draft contract off to Bellingham. Bob seconds the motion. All members agree. Motion carried.

The commissioners agreed to have Karen from Tata & Howard attend the next meeting, to discuss more well exploration.

Bob made a motion to accept the minutes fro September 5, 2006. Vinnie seconds the motion. All members agreed motion carried.

Vinnie makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approved November 14, 2006



Mendon Water Commission
Agenda
Tuesday, November 14, 2006

7:00 p.m. – Karen – Tata & Howard

Review e-mail from Bellingham and Hopedale letter

Review minutes from October 3, 2006

Set next meeting

Sign bills and review mail

Approved December 5, 2006



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Dwight Watson at 7:00 P.M.

Vincent Cataldo, Dwight Watson and Bob Gilchrist were present. Missy Kakela-Bottoms, administrative assistant was also present.

Karen Pighetti of Tata & Howard and Don Keller were also present.

The commissioners reviewed and discussed with Karen possibility testing land on Cobbler's Knoll that will be turned over to the Town of Mendon. Vinnie received a letter from the current property owner giving permission for the testing to be conducted. They all agreed that this was the last option for a gravel pac well.

Vinnie made a motion to move ahead with a gravel pac well in the Muddy Brook area. Bob second the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed correspond that were received from Bellingham and Hopedale. Nether option looks good for a long-term solution at this time.

Bob made a motion to accept the minutes of October 3, 2006 with corrections. Vinnie seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed mail and signed bills. Bob made a request to have the lab or Tim explain the lab results so it is easier for the commissioners to understand the paper work. Dwight and Vinnie agreed with that.

They set their next meeting for December 5, 2006.

Vinnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved December 5, 2006



Mendon Water Commission
Agenda
Tuesday, December 5, 2006

7:00 p.m. – Henry Papuga

Discuss con com meeting for Thursday, December 7, 2006

Review minutes from November 14, 2006

Sign bills and review mail

Sign commitment for new water bill, discuss delinquent bills

Set next meeting

Approved January 9, 2007



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Dwight Watson at 7:04 P.M.

Vincent Cataldo and Dwight Watson were present. Missy Kakela-Bottoms, administrative assistant was also present. Bob Gilchrist did not attend.

Henry Papuga from Milford Water Company was also present.

The commissioners talked with Henry about what has been going on the past few years in Mendon. The commissioners asked about whether or not Milford could sell Mendon water if they ran a line down Route 140. Henry said he was meeting with his board in the next week or two and would bring up the issue and get back to the commissioners. The commissioners thanked Henry for meeting with them.

The commissioners reviewed mail and signed any bills. The commissioners also signed a delinquent water bill letter to 18 Dudley Road. The commissioners want Missy to looking into the interest rate for delinquent water bills.

Vinnie made a motion that if the bill is not paid in full in the 10 days the next step will be to place a lien on the property. Dwight steps down as Chairman and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried.

Vinnie made a motion to accept the minutes from November 14, 2006. Dwight steps down as Chairman and seconds the motion. Both members agree. Motion carried.

The commissioners will meet again on January 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Vinnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dwight steps down as Chairman and seconds the motion. Both members agree. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved January 9, 2007