

APRIL 20, 2016
WATER BOARD MEETING

In attendance:

Allan Kent, Chairman and Dwight Watson, Commissioner with
Pat Vandenberg acting as Secretary;
Dean D'Allisandro, Commissioner was also unable to attend.

5:40PM – Meeting called to order.

Dwight noted that this will be his last Water Board meeting as a Commissioner

Allan brought up the water service at 21 Cape Road. Dwight agreed that what was suggested was fine (connecting the car wash building to a proposed well) and made a motion to accept the 21 Cape Road request. Allan seconded. Passed unanimously. The “traveler” (already signed by Dean) was signed and returned to the office door.

Dwight and Allan then had a discussion about how the house at 35 Cape Rd, which has water service, might be moved, or be torn down.

Minutes of last week, taken by Allan at Hopedale with the Hopedale Water Board, were reviewed and approved.

Dwight made the motion that Mendon make the contract with Hopedale as presented by Allan: Basically keeping the contract the same, renewing it every year unless one or the other party wants to discontinue it. Allan said he will present it to Kimberly Newman for advice. (Subsequently she forwarded it to the town lawyer for review.)

Dwight said that some of the Hopedale Water Board are willing to think about connecting up pieces of the Mendon Water System to eliminate some of the dead ends (possibly by connecting the water main end at Plain St, Hopedale, to the Mendon water main at the corner of Hartford Ave East and Talbot Farm Road). He said ‘don’t give up on this yet.’ (Tim Watson has previously estimated that this would cost on the order of \$80k.)

Town Beach needs testing as they no longer have their own well. Water now comes to it from a well across the street in the town park.. The Town Beach could ask the people behind them for a piece of their land to dig a new well. Everyone seems hesitant to ask.

The former Misco Water Company actually had enough water coming out of its wells to feed Mendon. Not clear why this was turned down.

Hay bale problem: people want to store hay bales in an area that is a straight residential area, not a farm and has no commercial enterprises. Since you would have to walk down to the water, there should be no problem with flooding. Not clear why they want to store the hay there. Suggest we send it back to Planning or Zoning. Only thing people can think of is that the property may be low enough that they need the hay for drainage.

Decision is to return it to sender. There was no sign-off included with the drawing of the hay bales.

Dwight made the motion to close out his last meeting at 6:40pm.
Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

After the close of the meeting, Dwight suggested Allan talk to the town of Sherburn about their cistern experience. Dwight said Hopedale had the wells off of Green Street. There is only a small part of Hopedale that doesn't have water: The little piece of Rte 140 between Milford and Upton and Hazel Street (off of Rte 140, West St, in Milford) only have wells and septic. (Actually, the north side of Hartford Ave (East) between Rte 140 and Neck Hill Rd and the subdivisions NE of Neck Hill Rd also do not seem to have Hopedale public water. -Allan) Same for Milford: only the new buildings on Pine Arrow Road do not have town water.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Vandenberg, Temporary Secretary

edited and extended by Allan Kent