



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2016

Approved: 1/12/2017

Attending: A. Kent, K. Rudden.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman A. Kent at 7:03 PM.

The Commission discussed the current shut off notices. K. Rudden made a motion, seconded by A. Kent, to shut off 41 A Bates Street after the owner asked for more time to pay and did not attend the meeting to discuss the issue. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission discussed rate concerns with Liz Loftus of 18 Cape Road. She asked why the rate is \$9.00 per 100 cubic feet when the rate that Hopedale charges customers on Route 16 is \$3.00 per 100 cubic feet. The Commission explained that the town is charged \$6.00 per 100 cubic feet from Hopedale and the remaining \$3.00 difference covers the costs of running the department and maintaining the system. She asked about the capital impact fee, which the Commission clarified is for the water treatment plant, not the sewage treatment plant which Hopedale built. She asked why there aren't more shutoff valves in the system and the Commission explained that they are costly to install and those costs would have to be passed on to the customers. K. Rudden also clarified that: all town residents now pay for the costs of the hydrants in town, the town cannot pursue water from Milford again because Milford is being regulated by DEP for the amount of water they are allowed to extract, and that the Mendon Water Commission is not profiting off the customers, it has been losing money for years.

K. Rudden said that he will be retrieving some of the Commission's files from Milford next week. He also said that he would research how the Commission could become an enterprise fund.

K. Rudden said he will review A. Kent's drafted Long Range Plan and prepare his comments.

A. Kent brought up the possibility to implement a lower fee for payments that are only a few days late. K. Rudden responded that there is a lower fee because the first fee is \$25 and then an additional 15 days late receives a \$50 fee and that he is not in support of changing it. A. Kent was in agreement.

The Commission decided to pay to raise the hydrant on Williams Street in order to protect the commercial businesses in the area.

K. Rudden made a motion, seconded by A. Kent, to accept the meeting minutes of June 1, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

K. Rudden nominated A. Kent to continue as Chairman and A. Kent accepted.

K. Rudden made a motion, seconded by A. Kent, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. The motion carried unanimously.