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Meeting Date: 3/7/2019

Meeting Location: Water Commission Office, Town Hall, 20 Main St. Mendon

Minutes Approved: 4/4/19

Members Present: Allan Kent, Kevin Rudden,

Water Clerk: Dan Byer

Others: Brendan Landers (5 Dudley Rd.)

Absent: Matt O'Brien

The meeting was called to order at 7pm with Allan and Kevin in attendance.

Dan attempted to call Matt O'Brien but he did not answer.

Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/14/19 meeting, Allan stepped down and seconded and all approved.

Kevin and Allan signed the February invoices from White Water.

The commission met with Brendan Landers of 5 Dudley Rd. Brendan explained the issues with his water bill. Said they recently moved to Mendon and did not realize there were separate water and sewer bills. Kevin explained the history of the Dudley Rd. system. He has made payment on all the past due bills for the water and capital impact fees for the 3 quarters and is asking the commission to waive the late fees. The commission clarified the billing process.

Kevin made a motion to abate the late fees, admin fees, and interest on 5 Dudley Rd, Allan seconded and all approved.

The commission discussed the new connection for 16 Cape Rd. Kevin said he spoke with Braza and they are fine with the connection fees. He will see if they can attend a future meeting to discuss their plans.

The Commission discussed the finance committee. Kevin said he was asked at the last minute to attend the 3/6 Fincom meeting to discuss the proposed enterprise fund. Overall they are in favor of the request but had some questions. Kevin asked Dan to send Mike Ammendolia the water usage totals billed from Hopedale.

The Commission discussed the proposed changes to the water rates. Dan shared several possible fee structures. The commission agrees on making sure no-use customers are paying their fair share of the fixed costs while not unfairly charging the higher commercial users. Dan suggests a \$25 minimum covering the first 100 cubic feet of water with all additional water billed at \$9/100 cu ft. This rate would result in the average bill increasing by \$20, spreads out the increase evenly, and will bring in enough funds to balance the budget.

Dan updated the commission on the meter replacements. He met with a representative from Mass Rural Water Assoc and they might be able to assist with the meter replacements. Dan will update the commission when he hears back.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn, Allan stepped down and seconded and all approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm