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## TOWN OF MENDON WATER COMMISSION

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**Meeting Date:** 8/8/2019

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

**Minutes Approved:** 10/4/19

**Members Present:** Allan Kent, Kevin Rudden, Matt O'Brien

**Water Clerk:** Dan Byer

**Others:** Chief Kessler

**Absent:**

*The meeting was called to order at 7pm.*

There are no minutes to approve.

The commissioners signed the August White Water bills.

The commission discussed the 16 Cape fire line. Hopedale will allow the fire connection provided Braza pays them a connection fee.

Fire Chief Kessler attended the meeting to bring up a last minute issue under the 48 hour rule. He was looking for information on the hydrants and water system on Dudley Rd. All discussed the new 40B development at 22 Dudley Rd. Chief Kessler explained the proposed development. They had hoped to install a fire hydrant off of the Dudley Rd. The commissioners explained that due to the contract with Hopedale that will not be possible. The Chief discussed the issues with the town's outdated cistern regulations and explained he is going to ask the developer to provide funds for future cistern maintenance rather than installing redundant cisterns. The commissioners and Chief reviewed the water system and current contracts. Chief Kessler is concerned about the lack of hydrants in the center of town. All discussed the future plans for new water sources and possible joint meeting.

The commission discussed a memo shared by Allan regarding the issues facing the water system (*document on file in water dept. office*). Allan explained this is a summary of the current issues facing the department and possible options available. All are in agreement we need to set up a joint meeting to discuss these issues. The commission discussed scheduling this during a future water meeting.

Dan updated the commissioners on the proposed leak detection survey. It will take place on 8/13.

Dan discussed a billing issue with 1 Cape Rd. When we updated the mailing addresses to send bills to the owners rather than tenants we inadvertently caused confusion between the tenant and owner due to a pre-existing agreement as the property owner is out of the country. This resulted in 2 past due bills and some fees as each thought the other was paying the bill. Dan spoke with the tenant who spoke with the landlord and all are in agreement the bills should be mailed to 1 Cape Rd. The commission discussed waiving the late fees and interest as long as the account was paid in full as this was our mistake.

**Kevin made a motion to waive the late fees and interest for 1 Cape Rd, Matt seconded and all approved.**

*The meeting was adjourned at 9pm*