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## TOWN OF MENDON WATER COMMISSION

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**Meeting Date: 12/5/2019**

**Meeting Location:** Mendon Town Hall, 18 Main St. Mendon

**Minutes Approved:** 2/6/2020

**Members Present:** Allan Kent, Kevin Rudden

**Water Clerk:**

**Others:**

**Absent:** Dan Byer, Matthew O'Brien

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

There were no minutes to approve.

There were no bills to be signed.

**Kevin made a motion to open the hearing to discuss the fire connection fees, Allan seconded and all approved.**

There were no attendees and no comments were received. A notice of the hearing sent to all affected customers.

The commissioners discussed the proposed new fire connection fees. Hopedale has offered to allow additional fire sprinkler connections in exchange for billing a quarterly fee. This fee is currently \$100 for 2"-5" connections and \$150 for 6"+ connections. There are currently 3 affected properties, 15 Cape (Bethany Assembly of God), 16 Cape (Braza), 30 Cape (Flat Out Motorsports). Additionally DC Bates had expressed interest in the property behind 23 Cape for a new facility that would need fire protection. All agree this would benefit Mendon by allowing more commercial development.

**Kevin made a motion to close the public hearing and Allan seconded. All approved.**

**Kevin made a motion to institute a quarterly Fire Sprinkler System fee of \$100 per quarter for 2" up to but not including 6" connections and \$150 per quarter for 6" or greater connections. This fee would take effect upon the notice of Hopedale charging Mendon a quarterly fee for each fire sprinkler connection. Allan seconded and all approved.**

The commissioners reviewed the status of the 16 Cape /Braza project. The permits and dig safe are all set.

The commission discussed the status of current bills.

The commission discussed the billing issue at 26 Cape Rd. At some point someone cut off the external register for the meter and the last few years of readings were estimated. Dan was finally able to replace the meter in November. Unfortunately it was discovered there was a discrepancy of 9,381 cubic feet from the estimated and actual readings. The property owner is requesting an abatement claiming some of that use is from before he owned the property. A final reading was done at the transfer before the renovation work was done and there was no use at that time.

After some discussion the commissioners agreed to abate 1/2 of the bill as it was due to errors on both sides. Additionally they will charge the usage at the old \$9 rate in effect at the time the water was used.

**Kevin made a motion to abate \$422.15 off the water bill for 26 Cape Rd, Allan seconded and all approved.**

The commission discussed the next meeting date. The date was proposed for 1/2. Allan offered to draft up guidelines for the water search committee.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.*