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Meeting Date: 3/12/2020

Meeting Location: Water Commission Office, Mendon Town Hall, Mendon

Minutes Approved: 8/6/2020

Members Present: Allan Kent, Kevin Rudden,

Water Clerk: Dan Byer

Others:

Absent: Matthew O'Brien

The meeting was called to order at 7:08

There are no minutes to review.

The Commissioners signed the invoice for EJP

The commission reviewed the budget. Kevin said there is a fincom meeting on 3/25.

The commission discussed the water study commission. Kevin said he asked for an article to rename the commission the "water and sewer commission" to include the future for sewer. He suggests we invite Brian Murray to the next meeting to discuss our options for future water and sewer. There may be grants or state funds available. Brian had suggested to Kevin we ask for a state earmark for a study to explore the options.

Dan updated the commission on the town hall well pump. They got a quote for \$12,500 to replace the well pump.

Kevin discussed sending a letter to Hopedale proposing an amendment to the contract. We are proposing they consider allowing new commercial connections if the proposed use would be less than the existing residential use. In most cases, these commercial uses will use less water than a house. All agree that this would help Hopedale lower water use while allowing some commercial development in Mendon.

The commission discussed the leak at 149 HAE. Dan is still trying to get pricing from someone local.

The commission reviewed 4 Joseph Rd. The owner had reached out to Dan looking for a water connection. All agree, the property is not listed in our contracts and has never been connected. We cannot allow a connection here.

Dan updated the commission on 19 Bates. He was able to replace the meter. The external register has been stuck. The commission reviewed the past usage history on the account and felt that 1,000 cu ft per quarter was a fair estimate. This resulted in an unbilled total of \$288 (3,200 cu ft). Dan will include this on the next bill. **Kevin made a motion to approve the estimates and issue a bill of \$288 (3,200 cu ft at the old rate) to 19 Bates, Allan seconded and all approved.**

The commission also discussed the issues with estimating water bills. All agree in the future we need to estimate higher to prevent these issues from occurring if there are issues with the meters.

Dan updated the commission on the sale of 30 Cape Rd. He will reach out to the new owners to schedule the meter replacement.

Dan updated the commission on the curb stops at 143 and 145 Hartford Ave East. 143 HAE was operable when the water was turned off in the fall of 2019. 145 HAE was replaced and is now operable. Both are off at the curb. Dan wanted to ensure there is a record in the minutes for any future use. With the buildings now demolished, both of these curb stops are in operable condition and any future issues will be the responsibility of the property owner(s). New tie cards were measured out using the telephone poles and catch basins to locate the stops.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm