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Meeting Date: 9/10/2020

Meeting Location: Remote Meeting via Zoom

Minutes Approved: __1/7/2021__

Members Present: Allan Kent, Kevin Rudden,

Water Clerk: Dan Byer

Others:

Absent: Matthew O'Brien

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm via conference call per the 3/12/20 state COVID-19 Open Meeting Law Amendments.

The commissioners discussed the system shut down Wednesday morning (9/9). Dan said he got a call from White Water and a few emails. He called Tim who said they had an emergency in Hopedale and had to shut things down to fix it. Kevin said he spoke with Sandra McSweeney across the street and she said she had a lot of air in her pipes.

The commission reviewed the monthly bills.

\$457.59 - White Water CCR Report

\$1,646.41 - White Water September monthly billing

\$241.85 - White Water testing at Memorial Park

\$17.59 - Home Depot (Valve)

Dan pointed out we got the annual 2% increase from WW as well.

Dan said leak detection is on the schedule for October.

There are no new updates regarding COVID-19 related to the water dept.

There are no updates on the water study committee

There are no updates on the Town Hall well pump

The commission discussed the Hopedale Contract. Dan spoke with a contractor about 49 Milford St. They need a fire line and will need to open up Route 16 to install it. Kevin asked about commercial use. Dan said the contract says "no new commercial". This property has a connection for water. Hopedale approved their connection a few years back when Mendon met with Chris Funari. Dan said they also want a 2" line but the contract says 1". All agree we

should meet with Hopedale and get this all in writing to confirm. Allan said we are in need of our annual meeting anyways. Dan will reach out to set up a meeting.

The commission discussed the master meter replacements. Dan updated the commission on his meeting with White Water. They inspected the meter pits. The Cape Rd pit is very old. It is also small and hard to access. Dudley Rd is newer and the meter is giant. White water is working on a proposal for us. Dan spoke with Chris Culberson (WW manager) and they are estimating around \$20k-\$25K for the work. The meters are old and parts are not available from the manufacturer anymore. They found a source for the meter core units. These are re-built units. So they would pull the old ones and swap in the new ones. There is a core charge. It was suggested we consider keeping the cores and having them serviced as we may not be able to get replacements in the future. These are old meters and the parts may not be available. The commission will discuss further when the proposals are available.

Dan updated the commission on the issues with the curb stops at 8 Bates and 38 Bates. Both are in-operable and the cost to repair is in excess of \$2,000. Dan looked into the Cold Shot pipe freezing tools and they are around \$600. Kevin will ask Braza if they have something. The commission discussed renting or maybe buying the tool and then selling it after. Dan will get a more formal quote.

He recommends we invest in a pipe freezing tool to allow us to replace the inside shut off valves at a much lower cost. He believes the tool is around \$600. Unfortunately no local plumbers have one. Dan will get pricing.

Dan updated the commission on the bills. Bills were due on 8/27. Late notices have been mailed and are due 9/28. He will work on the lien notices for October.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn at 8:06pm, Allan seconded and all approved.