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## **TOWN OF MENDON WATER COMMISSION**

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**Meeting Date: 4/1/2021**

**Meeting Location:** Remote Meeting via Zoom

**Minutes Approved:** 8/5/2021

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

**Water Clerk:** Dan Byer

**Others:**

**Absent:** Matthew O'Brien

*The meeting was called to order at 5pm via conference call per the 3/12/20 state COVID-19 Open Meeting Law Amendments.*

**Kevin made a motion to approve the march invoices, Allan seconded, all approved.**

The commission discussed trying to flush the hydrants before the summer. Dan would like to get the equipment so we can do it in house. The cost would be around \$1,000 for the tools. The commission could pay Dan a stipend vs paying White Water. We have budgeted \$6K for hydrant flushing and valve maintenance. But since Dan has been involved with the mapping and research it may make more sense to have him involved. We could pay a stipend that would be cheaper than contracting out to WW. Kevin suggested trying to get White Water to get it done this year and then we can figure out a plan for next year.

There are no new COVID-19 updates.

There are no updates on the water study committee. Kevin submitted a request for state funds for the master meters and engineering an emergency interconnect with Bellingham.

The commission discussed training. Dan explained DEP requires them to have a Cross Connection "program coordinator". When we had our sanitary survey they recommended Dan get certified as a cross connection surveyor. The cost of the class is \$610. Dan is also exploring getting certified as a VSS water operator. The cost for this class is \$200. This would give us more expertise on staff and possibly allow us to start taking over some of the items currently outsourced to White Water. We currently pay around \$20K in contractor services for the town and public water systems. The commission approved Dan taking the 2 classes.

The commission discussed an email from Tim asking about the status of the master meter replacements. Dan has not heard back from the company. Tim says Dudley Rd has issues and the high side is being estimated. The commission discussed prioritizing Dudley Rd for now. We do have the funds in the enterprise acct as of 7/1. Dan will work on getting more info from the vendor. Kevin said there may be federal COVID money for infrastructure coming too.

Dan updated the commission on the billing. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter bills will be done at the end of the month. Kevin suggested including a note about water use restrictions.

*The meeting was adjourned at 5pm. The next meeting will be 5/6.*