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**Meeting Date: 6/4/2021**

**Meeting Location:** Remote Meeting via Zoom

**Minutes Approved:** 10/7/2021

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

**Water Clerk:** Dan Byer

**Others:** Vincent Roy

**Absent:**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm via conference call per the 3/12/20 state COVID-19 Open Meeting Law Amendments.*

The commission met with Vincent Roy. He ran a write in campaign for the open seat on the commission and tied with Chris Merolli. Vincent is interested in serving on the board. Vincent shared his background. He is the director of the Sudbury Water District and was previously the DPW director in Upton. He is mainly involved in water but also has experience with storm and waste water. He has lots of experience and has been involved in water systems since the 80's. Kevin reviewed the process to approve Vin. Because the election was a tie, the Water Commission and Select Board need to hold a joint meeting and both vote to appoint someone to serve out the 1 year term. Then next year he would have to run on the ballot. Kevin will send a letter to the select board.

**Kevin made a motion to approve the bills for June, Allan seconded and all approved.**

The commission discussed meeting locations and all are in favor of moving back to in person meetings starting with the 7/1 meeting.

Kevin contacted the Select Board about the American Rescue plan funds. Kevin gave them a list of eligible projects water has been discussing. We need to request a meeting, perhaps the same meeting as the appointment meeting for Vin.

The commissioners discussed the history of the system with Vincent.

The commission discussed the proposed rate increase from Hopedale. They would like to hold a hearing on 7/1. **Kevin made a motion to hold a hearing on 7/1, Allen seconded, and all approved.**

The commission discussed the email from Tim regarding high use. They discussed scheduling a leak detection of the system just to make sure there are no issues.

Kevin asked Dan to remove the COVID update item from the agenda as there are no new updates.

The commission discussed the water study committee. Kevin said now that things are re-opening we need to reconvene the group, maybe in August.

The commission discussed the various options for purchasing water with Vin. Vin says the \$300/ft estimate for water mains is accurate. Costs are increasing because of COVID too. It may be possible to connect the Rt 16 area to the Cape Rd system across town land behind town hall but it would be very expensive.

The commission discussed the master meters. Dan reviewed the current issues and showed Vin the locations. The commission is still working on getting pricing.

The commission discussed hydrant flushing. White Water did not respond in time and we will need to wait until the fall.

Dan updated the commission on the bills. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter bills are due on 6/7. Vin asked about shut offs and Dan explained the lien process. We issue liens for past due balances from the previous fiscal year that are attached to the tax bills. This is much easier than dealing with shut offs and we currently have a 100% collection rate.

**Kevin made a motion to adjourn at 8:37pm, Allan seconded and all approved**