

DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 27, 2016

Present: Michael Kubicki, Camillus Cachat, Bob Benlien, Gerry Cahalan, Debbie Brunelle, and Cheryl Cachat.

Public: Al Nadeau, Richard Olsted, Edward Denham, Justin Forgea

Camillus Cachat called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

General Business:

- Correspondence
 - o Discussion regarding the letter and information received from the Dalton Planning Board in regard to the special permit application for the large scale solar PV array on Bridle Road, Map 106, Lot 52
 - No issues with the permit were noted
 - Clerk to send letter to Planning Board stating such
 - o Letter of resignation from Lucas Perry received
 - Employee was paid thru the Safer Grant
 - Fire Chief stated resignation was due to other employment opportunities in law enforcement
 - Discussion on the status of the Safer Grant
 - Waiting for final approval of Safer Grant extension therefore decided to hold on hiring replacement until extension received
- Timber Management
 - o Edward Denham from New England Woodland Management present to present on two issues
 - A private road, Cady Plantation Road, in Windsor which runs from Crane Road in Windsor to August Smith Road in Peru
 - Road is the source of two access points for District property(roughly 1/3 of District acreage).
 - An individual is attempting to halt any access or through way on this road
 - Mr. Denham asked that the Commissioners contact Elizabeth Goodman, Town of Windsor attorney to voice opposition to this closing
 - Commissioner asked Deborah Brunelle to make this intial contact
 - Mr. Denham provided an update on the Management Plan with the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
 - Has sent two drafts and is awaiting response
 - Mr. Denham will be in contact as needed and in February with FY18 budget requests
- Ambulance
 - o No report

Fire Department:

- o Hose testing is complete, a new company, FailSafe, was hired which worked well
- o All vehicle maintenance is completed

- Pittsfield Fire & Safety is checking scott packs. As some are 5 years old they may need to be replaced. The Chief is in the process of looking for grant money for this expenditure, if none is found, need to look at capital expense for next budget
- Chief reported that fire department personnel and the ladder truck were at a mutual aid fire in Pittsfield the prior night

Water Department:

- Printed report from Superintendent attached to official minutes.
- #5 – Bob introduced Justin Forgea to the committee as the new Operator / laborer for the Water District.
- Mike Kubicki commented that the fire hydrants looked good
- #10 – Bob reviewed the correction of the owner for Egypt Dam. Discussion ensued how it is important to have documents correct
- #14 – Corrected dates of the upcoming construction meeting, unable to change to September 8th so meeting will be held on September 1st. Cam will be unable to attend, Mike Kubicki will attend.
 - DN Tanks work is complete
 - All work is ahead of schedule
 - Tank is not filled yet, will coordinate with Pittsfield
- Bob commented that he is following Pittsfield lead on drought status and if any water restrictions are needed
- Barton Hill resident update
 - Pressure has not read at a level below 35
 - Bob has spoken with the residents

Treasurer's Report:

- Printed report from Treasurer attached to official minutes
- New legislation passed, no longer will invoice other district for retiree insurance share
- FY16 audit I complete and waiting for audit adjustments and final documents
- Received a green light letter from Locke Lord for the Water Tank Bond thru USRDA
- Very pleased with the new district treasurer/clerk. Cheryl always takes the initiative to begin a project and asks for help only when needed. Very fast learner.
- 15 residential water accounts remain unpaid
- Next week will begin billing for October residential
- Working on the year end cash report, quarterly cash report for the DOR, free cash letter (now that audit is complete)and we have a final balance sheet
- The district is doing a temporary borrowing of \$540,000, due January 20, 2017, interest rate of 0.75% for the water tank. Meet with the Prudential Committee at 6:15 this evening for signature.

Cam Cachat made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm, Mike Kubicki seconded, unanimous.
The next meeting is September 27, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Cachat
Assistant Treasurer/Clerk