

Minutes Prudential Committee December 2, 2020 7 pm via Zoom

Present: Theron Manning, Wayne Manning, John Dettwiler, Don Lovejoy, Judy Hayward

Call to order Theron called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Agenda Revisions -There were none. Don Lovejoy made a motion to approve the agenda and John Dettwiler made a second to the motion. **Motion carried Unanimously.**

Public Comments - None

Minutes- A motion to approve the minutes as reviewed was made by Don Lovejoy and John Dettwiler made the second to the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Rescue Squad Report- passed over. Theron Manning noted that Corrinne Ingraham will be the representative to the Prudential Committee. Steve Belmont is leaving later in December to take another job.

Water Superintendent Report Wayne was not with us but he and Theron having been working on the water filtration project.

Judy will pull the meter concerns from the spreadsheet and give to TM and WM. Once we identify the list of faulty meters we need to come up with a plan for corrective action and if necessary we will be hiring a plumber to assist Wayne in these repairs.

Theron gave an update on the water filtration project due diligence.

Existing units could be pushed to 125,000 gallons per day but that is not a long-term solution. It is not sustainable. The State might not allow us to exceed the existing certification of 100,000 gallons per day. If we were to rebuild each filtration unit without the 3rd unit in place it would be risky to run off one unit because you could be down for 5-6 weeks and if the second filtration unit goes down the community would then be without water. An alternative to adding the 3rd unit would be to rent a portable filtration unit as a standby unit but this option is also expensive. Daily usage indicates that our existing filtration units will manage current demand but they are in need of major updates. The existing storage capacity is 300,000 gallons. Do we really need to add the second reservoir of 180,000 gallons to serve the existing users? If we were to eliminate the added storage tank it would reduce the project by an estimated \$500,000 to \$600,000.

Lake John repairs are estimated to be about \$565,000-\$600,000. If we have to breach the dam to install required piping the budget would increase by at least \$100,000. Theron posed a question: If we abandon Lake John and build a one-million-gallon raw water storage tank, just above the interstate tunnel, how much more would it cost? Maybe \$1 Million, but it ends the maintenance requirements and hazard classification of the dam. There are various scenarios. Theron suggested that we have a discussion with the town to identify the proposed community growth. Don and John felt that the closed storage is the way to go. The water will be easier to

filter in a closed storage situation. The water filtration plan with a larger closed reservoir seems to make the most sense. Theron will request a meeting with the Selectboard.

Administrative Assistant Report

Judy reported that she only has 3 or 4 water bills left to send. Payments are coming in regularly. She is close to completing the reconciliation for the water checking account for FY 20. Theron asked Judy to invite someone from RHR Smith, our auditor, to review the FY 19 audit and plans for the FY 20 audit. She has only had one complaint about the increase in the water rate for the fall billing.

FY 22 Budget Discussion-Water

Judy presented the FY 22 proposed budget for the water department. She believes the basic operating budget is right where it should be, but believes she needs some guidance on planning for the capital improvements for Lake John and the Water Filtration Project. She has been conservative in estimating revenue since we still do not know how the pandemic will continue to impact water consumption. Theron asked John if there are any more updates to the review of water rates from area towns. John indicated there has been virtually no response to his emails. He can try calling some water departments. We will need to set a water rate for the annual meeting. She will work on reformatting the budget before our next meeting.

Planning for Annual Meeting

Judy has prepared a draft agenda for the Annual Meeting, and she will post that on the Town website, our door at the office and at the Post Office. She asked if we should post in the Herald of Randolph? Don said "yes," and that it should be in the legal notices. Judy will try to make the deadline for the December 10 issue.

Review and approve Work Orders

John made a motion to approve the Water, Fire and Rescue work orders. Don made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other

Next meetings will be December 16, January 6 and the annual meeting is January 11. All will be at 7 pm and will be conducted via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn was made by Judy with a second from John. Motion carried unanimously and we adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy L. Hayward, Administrative Assistant