

Minutes of Williamsburg Water/Sewer Commission-Amended
May 15, 2013

Present: Walter Kellogg-Chair, William Turner-Vice-Chair, Jim Hyslip, Jerry Roberge & Brenda Lessard-Secretary.

Absent: Ken Taylor

Public Present: Bonnie Roberge-Tax Collector

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

1. Motion made to sign and accept the minutes of April 3, 2013 (JH). Motion seconded (WT). Motion so voted.
2. Motion made to sign and accept the water & sewer warrants for 5/22/13 (WT). Motion seconded (JH). Motion so voted.
3. Motion made to sign the commitment and abatement forms from the collector (JH). Motion seconded (WT). Motion so voted.
4. Tax collector was in to speak to the board. The spring bills have gone out. She also wanted to report that the new meters the board is thinking of using will be compatible with the software used for billing of water and sewer usage. She had spoken to the owner of the company. SoftRight will waive the fee for setting up the system. She also noted that a glitch was found. Households that show no current usage in the software program but have a previous balance do not show up in previous balance that is listed on the commitment. She spoke to the software company to see if it could be corrected. There was also some discussion regarding meter rental fees not being on some sewer bills.
5. William Turner had been at a meeting with Ned Huntley from Northampton regarding the retaining wall on River Road. Northampton got the grant and their share is \$400000.00. The city would like the water & sewer department to pay 25% of that cost. The board is not comfortable with that amount and will discuss at a future meeting. Mr. Turner also discussed that the town will be doing Mountain Street and redoing some work for the City of Northampton regarding the area around the reservoir.
6. Motion made to add an article to Town Meeting warrant requesting up to \$12000.00 for meter reading equipment upgrade and take funds 50% from Water Retained Earnings and 50% from Sewer Retained Earnings (WT). The motion was seconded (JR). Motion so voted.
7. Motion to adjourn meeting (JH). Motion seconded (JR). Motion so voted.

Respectfully submitted:
Brenda Lessard, Secretary

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