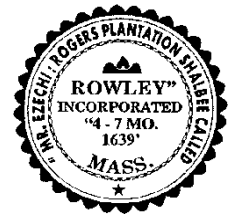


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July 19, 2018 Emergency Meeting Minutes

Those present: Chairman Mark Emery, Commissioner Bernard Cullen, Commissioner John Manning, Chief WTP Operator, Rob Swiniarski, Acting Georgetown Water Dept. Superintendent, Bruce Trumbull, Georgetown Water Commissioner, Jeff McClure, Administrative Assistant, Kathy Bento

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Emery opened the meeting at 6:30.

Chairman Emery moved to New Business #1.

New Business

1. Discuss selling water to Georgetown in an emergency situation:

Bruce Trumbull explained that on July 12, one of their wells went down. He requested to be temporarily connected to the Rowley water system. They have been declared an emergency state which allows them to open the connections. Rob said we are in good shape and could sell Georgetown water for a few weeks if need be... Chairman Emery said it's nice to return the favor. Georgetown had helped Rowley out years ago. Commissioner Cullen asked about the rates. Rob asked if we could sell the water to them at Georgetown's rates, \$5.25/1000gal. Chairman Emery said he could not do that and face our consumers. Commissioner Manning agreed saying the political ramifications would be tremendous. He explained the three tier system. Commissioner Cullen asked how long it will be needed. Mr. Trumbull said about 2 weeks. Chairman Emery said if they needed water for a longer period of time, the Board would research lowering the rates. Commissioner Cullen motioned to approve the interconnection with Georgetown for up to 2 weeks and revisit if it needed to extend. Commissioner Cullen seconded. **All in favor at 6:47.** Mr. Trumbull and Mr. McClure thanked the Board.

Old Business

1. Discuss change in cell phone service:

Chairman Emery explained that the department has two proposals to review, and he believes Sprint has a much better deal, although it would all depend on the service working in Bob Gray's area in New Hampshire. If it does not, then we will stay with Verizon. Commissioner Manning asked if Bob and Rob agreed. They said they are concerned about the service. Bob Gray said he has traveled everywhere with Verizon and it has never failed. He also wants to be sure the jet packs for the laptops will be reliable. Rob said that Sprint would be giving them a trial period. He also said that they could be in a lot of trouble if the communication should fail. Commissioner Manning said he would be on-board if the operators are satisfied after the trial period. Commissioner Cullen motioned for Chairman Emery to communicate with Sprint. Commissioner Manning seconded. **All in favor at 7:00.**

2. Discuss 2019 Utility truck quotes:

Bob Gray said he received two quotes, and after comparing, apples to apples, Colonial came in approximately \$900 under the other company. He said that their equipment is top quality. Commissioner Manning motioned to approve the truck as presented by Bob. Commissioner Cullen seconded. **All in favor at 7:25.**

Adjourn:

Commissioner Manning motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Cullen seconded. **All in favor at 7:30.**

Minutes respectfully prepared by Kathy Bento.

Minutes accepted at the August 21, 2018 meeting.

Documents provided/discussed at meeting are available at the Water Department office:

Meeting Agenda
Sign-in Sheet
Estimate for truck
Letter from Tata & Howard re interconnection with Georgetown.
Georgetown permit from DEP

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