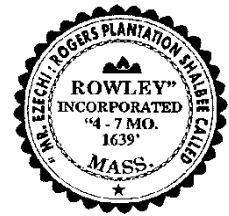




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April 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Those present: Chairman Mark Emery, Commissioner John Manning, Commissioner Bernard Cullen, Chief WTP Operator, Rob Swiniarski, Administrative Assistant, Kathy Bento.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Emery opened the meeting at 5:50.

Items

1. Update on Georgetown connection:

Rob Swiniarski explained that Georgetown is requesting more water than we had thought, so the rates we had quoted no longer apply. The initial usage was understood to be 100,000 gallons/day but, is more accurately, 300,000 gallons/day. Rob presented several charts, showing examples of gallons sold to Georgetown at various rates He also presented four optional fee rates:

1. Flat rate fee of \$100,000 per month, includes service fees plus water usage.
2. No service fee, water rate at \$13.00/1000 gallons
3. Service fee of \$15, 000 per month, water rate at \$11.00/1000 gallons
4. Service fee of \$25,000, with water rate at \$9.00/1000 gallons

Rob explained that the department would not be going beyond the DEP's permitted amount of water allowed. Commissioner Cullen suggested giving Georgetown options one and four. Chairman Emery said he believes option 4 would be best. Commissioner Manning agreed. Rob said that Georgetown should be given a choice of options 1 and 4. Commissioner Cullen motioned to offer Georgetown options 1 and 4. Commissioner Manning seconded. **All in favor at 6:05.**

2. Discuss current and future operations of the department:

- Commissioner explained his updated budget presentation which includes the proposed rate reduction. Chairman Emery said the Board will vote on the rates at the next meeting.
- Commissioner Cullen explained the other item is that we will be asking the Selectmen's permission to transfer money from the Extraordinary and Unforeseen line to cover the excess we had on the Maintenance line. The amount will be \$50,000. Commissioner Manning made a motion to request to move the \$50,000 from the Extraordinary and Unforeseen to the Maintenance line. Chairman Emery seconded. **All in favor at 6:15.**

Adjourn

Commissioner Manning motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Cullen seconded. **All in favor at 6:15.**

Minutes respectfully prepared by Kathy Bento.

Minutes accepted at the May 21, 2019 meeting

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

Meeting Agenda

Sign-in Sheet

Email from Georgetown Water Dept.

Water rate options

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