WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

MEETING APRIL 11, 2017

11:00 A.M. WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Commissioners present: Robert Janes, Chair, Larry Corcoran and Dick Cushing

Mike Gootée, Water Superintendant and Jodi Bertrand, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 11:04.

Reviewed correspondence, balances and meeting minutes from March 14th. Bob Janes moved to approve minutes, unanimous.

**Dole Place New Source**: No update

**Subdivision (Neve) off Sullivan’s Court**: No update.

**FY 2018 Budget and Articles:** Discussion on the public meeting the BOS had on April 10th to go over the Warrant for Town Meeting. Janes said there was only 12 people total that showed up for the meeting. Mark Dickenson was there and asked if the Water testing results could be made public. The Selectman told Janes that no one is to talk to Mark Dickenson at all under any circumstances. The Selectman has asked Water Commissioners to come to an Executive Session meeting Tuesday, April 18th @ 7:15pm. Gootée will ask Mary if they could meet with Selectman earlier. Casey Swallow sent the BOS a request to respond for anyone that would like to stand up at Town Meeting and speak on a subject; if so, she needs to know by April 14th.

**Town Manager:** It was suggested to Gootée by a legal council not affiliated with the town that the BOWC’s should pursue getting a legal opinion as to how the proposed Town Manager position would affect the operation of the Water Department. It was suggested that the BOWC’s seek legal council to make sure that what the BOS are proposing for changes to the Water Department legislation is legal and to send a request to the BOS asking for a detailed explanation of “Section 1 Preamble and Amendment to Existing Special Legislation “and to ask what the Acts of 1936 would be ***“SUBJECT TO”*** in the provisions of this act.

**Other Matters:**

* Gootée is working with the Finance Director to surplus the 2003 utility truck.
* Gootée will come up with a flyer to distribute at town meeting about the tank and bedrock well.
* Water Commissioners voted to have a steel elevated tank “Spheroid” built at Brake Hill. Cushing moved to accept the Spheroid Tank, unanimous.
* Flushing will start Saturday night, April 15th. Then daily flushing from the 18th-28th .

Meeting adjourned at 12:25.

Jodi Bertrand

Administrative Assistant