

WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2020
9:00 A.M. (by remote participation-Zoom Meeting)

Commissioners present (remotely): Robert Janes, Chair and Richard Cushing
Mike Gootée, Water Superintendant and Jodi Bertrand, Administrative Assistant
Remote Participation- Chip Hall, Cottage Advisors, Angus Jennings Town Manager and John Dodge
Open Space.

Meeting called to order at 9:04

Review balances, correspondence and draft minutes from August 12th 2020. Janes motioned to approve minutes; Cushing seconded. (Executive session minutes May 5th are still not being released at this time)

New Tank and Chemical Building- Gootée is still trying to finish up getting the flow tests done and chemical feed system okayed by MassDEP. He hopes within the next month this can be done. The New Tank is getting the electrical installed but Comcast will not be done for another month or so.

Dole Place Update- Gootée asked Paul Howard how easy it would be to sell water to Newburyport or Groveland and what type of revenue would be generated. Tata & Howard has supplied a quote to Gootée describing what would be needed and the cost would be \$8,600. Jennings remotely explained in more detail on the proposal of land. . Commissions agreed to move forward with the proposal from Tata & Howard.

Water Restriction- Gootée would like to take off the water restriction. Water Commissioners agreed.

System Development Fee- Gootée got in contact with Doug Gardner who does our water rate studies and he strongly suggested not raising the fees seeing it is right in line with other towns and it could cause lawsuits.

40B Coffin Street (Cottages @ Rolling Hills) Septic Perk Test- This size development requires DEP process for the septic beds called mounding; The DEP test requires flows to be at 20gpm. Cushing and Hall had a long discussion on delineation and the conservation agent in West Newbury, Bert Comins. Gootée has contacted the BOS and Angus Jennings and since they are required by DEP to do this testing Gootée would like to supply the water at a fee. Hall extended an invitation to Gootée and Paul Seigny, BOH, to be there on the day DEP starts the testing. Water Commissioners voted to supply the development with water on November 16th when the test is scheduled to start. Janes motioned to allow Chip Hall to do this testing, Corcoran and Cushing approved.

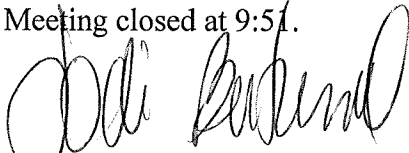
Other Matters:

- Gootée updated commissioners on changing Laborer/Water Operator in Training job description and advertisement. BOS approved the wages at the Monday (Nov 2nd) night meeting. Jennings remotely discussed the wages and job description and he hopes the Water Commissioners would approve the new advertisement so Gootée can get it posted. All three commissioners do agree to

move ahead and post the job.

- Tom Flaherty, water at Pipestave Baseball Field. In the past Gootée said they would not supply water to them if they would be using it to water grass. Flaherty is asking to install a built-in ground box behind mound and be able to water clay to control the dust (not water for grass). Janes has requested to put this item on hold and be able to look into it further.

Meeting closed at 9:51.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jodi Bertrand", written in a cursive style.

Jodi Bertrand
Administrative Assistant