## WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING APRIL 9, 2019 9:00 A.M. WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Commissioners present: Robert Janes, Chair and Richard Cushing Mike Gootée, Water Superintendant and Jodi Bertrand, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 9:10.

Reviewed correspondence, balances and meeting minutes from March 12<sup>th</sup>. Janes moved to accept minutes Cushing seconded.

<u>New Tank</u>- Jennings emailed Gootée and said the funding has moved forward and everything is all set to go to Town Meeting for article.

<u>Drakes Landing</u>- Gootée had no updates some houses completed and meters put into some but water is not turned on in all.

FY-2020 Budget: Article is in for New Tank and for the Water Operating Budget/Salaries.

## Other Matters:

- Gootée discussed the bids for the 2 projects and that different contractors showed up to go to tank and wellfield for the site walk. Someone questioned if the generator at Wellfield would be disposed of or would we be moving it somewhere and Gootée told them dispose of it and if something changes we can reconsider.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> the bids will be presented for both projects at town hall and Mike McCarron will open them. Gootée thinks it is at 10:00 a.m. but will let commissioners know for sure.
- Gootée told commissioners flushing will be starting and notices have been posted online and in the Newburyport Daily News. Flushing will continue until the 26<sup>th</sup>. Gootée will also draft a letter to send out to customers for rate increases on next billing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55

Administrative Assistant

## WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING APRIL 25, 2019 9:00 A.M. WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Commissioners present: Robert Janes, Chair and Richard Cushing Mike Gootée, Water Superintendant and Jodi Bertrand, Administrative Assistant

Angus Jennings, Town Manager in office to discuss tank funding.

Meeting called to order at 12:00.

<u>New Tank-</u> Gootée had an email from Tata & Howard he passed out to everyone re: update on the bond counsel/water. Gootée said that Jennings can call Jon Gregory at T & H to get more details regarding the breakdown of funding. Jennings said he was interested in getting the correct numbers for Town Meeting so they can do the wording for the motions. Jennings had a few different scenarios where we could borrow funds long term and short for the new funding. Gootée will work on figuring when the projects would start and when we would need more funding. Both Jennings and Gootée agreed it would be beneficial to have Doug Gardner, Pioneer Engineering in to do another rate study for the future funding the Water Dept. will need.

Angus Jennings left meeting at 12:17.

Based on the Engineers estimate for additional funds needed to pay for the new water tank and chemical wellfield of \$1.1 million, Janes moved to accept and Cushing seconded, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35.

Administrative Assistant