

**ALTON WATER WORKS
67 FRANK C. GILMAN HIGHWAY
ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
REGULAR MEETING OF
MAY 13, 2019**

PRESENT: Chairman Virgil Macdonald
Vice Chairman Patrick O'Brien

William Toothaker

It was stated to all in attendance, prior to the meeting, that the meeting would be taped for accuracy and erased as soon as the minutes are approved.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Macdonald called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.
- B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Brien to approve the agenda as read, was seconded by Chairman Macdonald. Vote was taken all were in agreement.
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of April 8, 2019. Motion was made by Chairman Macdonald "To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2019". Vice Chairman O'Brien seconded the motion, vote was taken, all agreed, and the Motion passed.
- D. PUBLIC INPUT: Bill Toothaker stated that he had been in last year to talk to the Commissioners concerning the 5 services on his property being discontinued and having one meter for this house and one for the cottages. He was ill last fall and had to cancel the job. He would like us to do all the work and bill him for the work that is his responsibility. He would like to get this done before Memorial Day weekend. Since Superintendent Mitchell is on her way to the meeting, Mr. Toothaker decided to wait for her to arrive.

Superintendent Mitchell arrived at 6:16. Discussion was had to update Ms. Mitchell. The plan is to discontinue the plastic lines to each cottage and continue 1 metered line to a manifold system for meter pit for summer cottages and separate from year round house. A meter pit would be approximately \$1,500. Superintendent Mitchell will make every effort to keep the price down as much as possible making sure that it is all protected properly to lessen any chance of damage being done to the pit.
- E. CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Mr. Smith from Alton Bay Christian Conference Center and the Superintendence's response.
- F. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS: Original report has been copied below. Information in (___) has been added to the original report during presentation.

Date: May 13, 2019

Re: Superintendents report to the Commissioners

Good afternoon,

I apologize for not making this evenings meeting as I have prior engagements that I cannot reschedule. Here are the latest items we have encountered at the department.

- Break-aways have been replaced in the Hydrants on Rand Hill, Alton Family Medicine and 140 across from Riverside.
- Levey Park is up and running today 5-13 and will be alternated in off-peak days of each week to satisfy summer demand. (Will be running until Wednesday so DOT sampling can be done.)
(Chairman Macdonald inquired about the repair of the Jones Field well. All the parts have been ordered and shipped but have not heard if everything has been received. Jones should only be out for 2 days and Levey will be able to handle it.)
- The home was torn down at 8 Back Bay Path and we received a call for water blowing out of the old foundation that was removed. It was discovered that a summer line (2" IPS plastic sleeved in 3" cast iron) ran directly underneath the foundation under the house and was approximately 3" below the surface. (The line is live but is capped so that it doesn't go under the foundation anymore.)
- Two Leaks on Oak Hill, one at the beginning of a pavement patch and one at the end this was due to not tightening fittings correctly in past repairs.
- There were three holes in the line feeding the Legion off of Depot Street. (They have been repaired) This was galvanized and will need to be replaced this summer. (Discussion was had concerning relocating the line that goes thru the field)

(There were a number of complaints concerning dirty water on Church Street so that line was directionally flushed 2 times. Ms. Mitchell has found a company that makes a brine slurry to push thru the lines to "pressure wash the line", but since the line is 4" and is in such terrible shape this would not be an option. If it had been 6" it may have been worth a try. When the Church Street and School Street roads are done, the lines should be replaced with 8" lines. There is also an active leak on Appleyard that may have to wait to be fixed after school is out.)

- The 4" HDPE line that feeds Route 11 near R & B Auto has had three leaks (in different sections), all being service taps in which the cap on the fusion saddle was broken, this is likely due to poor installation where the cutting tool is backed out too far allowing too much water to pass thru the valve and blows the cap off.
- Winter Way letter to selectmen: The homeowner was aware of the repair, his son called and had no water pressure at his home. Thomas and Dominic discussed the after-hours call with the son in which he told them to do what they needed to make the repair. He told them the homes in the area were all "in the family." After being onsite we discovered the line was plugged at a previous repair by our predecessors. The 2" HDPE went to a 3/4" CTS fitting back up to a 1.25" Galvanized line that was not only plugged solid. The line was a year round line as little as 2 feet deep. On the fly, it was determined the only solution to this problem was to replace the line with new CTS line. The line ran underneath one of the homes porches and was re-routed to an appropriate depth and away from the home. The lawn was then loamed, raked, seeded and watered. We returned all of the fencing to its original state, and made repairs to the fences that were rotted. The pressure has substantially increased in that area. This repair was made on May 1, we have not been up to pick the pavement up because we needed the excavator elsewhere. The boys will be returning there this week to pick up the pavement and haul it off and we will repair the pavement when we schedule all of our pavement repair work. I personally went to

discuss the matter with Steve Harris upon receiving his e-mails. He admitted he was angry about work done by the old Superintendent and was having a bad day. He also mentioned he went up the day we were digging but left. I just want to clarify once again that the owners were aware of the work being done however no one was available to discuss the condition on site and we needed to make a decision to repair it correctly. There is still a leak in this line that we have not found yet (there is an old patch that I believe is the culprit, in a paved driveway) I did not want to tear up this driveway without going thru the proper channels and will need to go further to make this repair. Mr. Harris says that we have no easement to dig this line up and I would like to look into this. I have attached pictures. (available at the Alton Water Works office.)

Superintendent Mitchell would like to confirm that there are easements.

- G. OLD BUSINESS: The Selectmen would like all water personnel to be at their meeting of April 3, 2019.

Overdue Accounts - There is one account that has a large balance that will be paid when the property sells. One account pays every week but the balance does not appear to reduce due to accruing interest.

We will continue to monitor all overdue accounts.

- H. NEW BUSINESS: One account needs to have a pad installed but the homeowner refuses to allow a hole to be drilled to access the meter from an outside pad reader. Chairman Macdonald will handle this issue. Chairman Macdonald would like a letter for that account stating a right of way for the hydrant that is in their yard and that as long as the fire hydrant is in their yard they would be billed as agreed when the hydrant was installed.

Superintendent Mitchell had received a call from Mr. Clay concerning non-public minutes. Chairman Macdonald read part of the judgement from his suit.

- I. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: NONE

- J. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Macdonald, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Brian, vote was taken, and all were in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectively submitted:
Penny Williams
Clerk

DATE SIGNED



VIRGIL MACDONALD - CHAIRMAN

PATRICK O'BRIEN - VICE CHARMAN