

**LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 8, 2016**

Chairman Dennis Bothamley called the regular meeting of the Laconia Water Department Board of Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday December 8, 2016 in the conference room at the Water Treatment Facility. Present were Commissioners Dennis Bothamley, Greg Page and Joseph Driscoll; Ex-Officio members Councilman Armand Bolduc and Public Works Director Wes Anderson; Superintendent Seth Nuttelman and Clerk Cheryl Hounsell. There was one member from the public present.

A motion was made by Armand Bolduc seconded by Greg Page, to accept the minutes of November 17, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Greg Page seconded by Armand Bolduc, to approve the accounts payables and the financial statement dated December 7, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAKESIDE AVENUE- Seth stated that the water portion of the Lakeside Avenue project is complete. We will have another pay requisition coming from Busby for \$11,000 to cover the removal of hydrants and trench patching on Lakeside Avenue.

LONG BAY TANK-Seth stated that we met with the inspector who inspected the painting of the first train at the treatment plant. He has submitted a response to our Request for Proposal (RFP). With this submittal, we now have two submittals for the inspection of the painting of the Long Bay Tank. The numbers are similar. Seth will continue looking for someone who can submit a third proposal for this project. Based on the two numbers we have received for the inspection of the painting of the Long Bay Tank, it appears that inspection fees will cost approximately \$55,000. Seth further stated that we are requiring that the tank be completely enclosed during the painting process using tarps or staging due to the proximity to the houses in the area. Seth will meet with the Long Bay Association and Southdown Association prior to this project being done.

SCADA RADIOS UPGRADE-Seth stated that the SCADA Radio upgrades will be completed today. They seem to be working fine.

TREATMENT PLANT BACKWASH PUMP-Seth stated that there is nothing new. A member of the public questioned whether we had a backup pump for the backwash pump at the treatment plant and what the backwash pump was used for. Seth stated that we do have a backup pump and that the backwash pump is used to backwash the treatment plant filters.

WEIRS STATION ELECTRIC VALVE-Seth stated that the electronic valve has been ordered. We should receive the valve mid-February and install it by the end of February. This electric valve will enable us thru SCADA to back feed Laconia from the Weirs if there is a problem.

MILFOIL-Seth requested that the members take out the packet of information that he sent to them with their agenda. Seth reviewed the packet. Seth stated that the previous request was to treat 45 acres of the Lake. After much discussion they decided to treat Pickerel and Moulton Coves in 2015. Seth stated that he has been in touch with Suzanne Perley of the Milfoil Commission concerning the new request and he was referred back to Amy Smagula. He has also spoken with Dean Anson of the Conservation Commission and Dean was not aware that the proposal had already reached this stage. Seth referred the Board members to a spreadsheet in their packet and reviewed the information. There were concerns on the proposal being for the treatment of 39 acres versus the 10 acres that were treated in 2015. There was also concern on the

rate of application increasing from 107# per acre to 170# per acre. Another concern that was raised was the elimination of the weighting agent with the higher concentration of the 2 4-D chemical. Suzanne from the Milfoil Commission wants to make sure that the water board is comfortable with the final proposal. The option of a flow study was raised and Seth stated that the State of New Hampshire estimates the cost of a flow study to be about \$200,000. A lengthy conversation followed. Dennis stated that based on the information that we have been given, he feels that we need a lot more information and additional conversations with all parties involved prior to making any kind of decision on this issue. Armand Bolduc left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUMPING MAIN-Seth stated that the pumping main located at 988 Union Avenue is a series of piping and we have recently discovered the old pipe is leaking under the building. We cannot isolate the pipe in a pump on condition. The repair will consist of two parts, internal and external. We are planning to have all tanks filled by 7:30 am on Friday, start the process to cap the inside portion of the main and be back pumping by 2:30. We will pre-dig the external part and cap the pipe outside on Tuesday. Persons Concrete will pour a thrust block sometime in the afternoon. We will be doing away with one relief valve and programming a pressure sensor device on the pumping main in the SCADA system to ramp down pumps as a secondary pressure control.

Greg Page left the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE- There were no changes to the proposed meeting schedule for the Water Commission for 2017. The schedule will be posted.

MAIN BREAKS-Seth stated that we had a water main break on Friday on the 6 inch cast iron water main on Mass Ave and it was a beam break. We repaired the main and the guys were done by 6:00 p.m. On Saturday night around 10:30 we had a callout for a possible water main break on Clinton Street. We found that the 16 inch water main on Clinton Street was leaking so we throttled it down and returned on Sunday morning to do the repair. Jon from the Public Works Department sent over the vactor truck to do hydro excavating on the side of the sewer pipe. The cuts are being paved today.

No further business, a motion was made by Joseph Driscoll, seconded by Wes Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 a.m. The vote was unanimous.

Cheryl Hounsell

Cheryl Hounsell, Clerk

Armand Bolduc

Authorized Signature

12/22/2016

Date