

Town of Portland
Water and Sewer Commission
April 11, 2022
7:00 PM
Buck Foreman Community Center – 2nd Floor

Members Present: Dick Cote, Dave Kuzminski, Jim Nursick, Jim Tripp, Jim McCabe

Absent:

Also Present: Public Works Director Robert Shea, Ralph Zampano & Shaun Manning – liaisons from the Board of Selectmen, Ryan Curley – First Selectman

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dick Cote called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

Jim Tripp made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 regular meeting. Dave Kuzminski seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

3. ACCEPT AGENDA

Dave Kuzminski made a motion to approve tonight's agenda. Jim McCabe seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATION

None

5. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR

Public Works Director Bob Shea briefly reviewed the monthly water production data for the Commission. He stated that our well has been running pretty efficiently over the past couple of months which reduces our intake of water needed from MDC.

Bob went on to say that we had some water issues in February and March which needed repairs including watermains and service connections.

Meter reading for the April billing is complete. The crew's installation of new meters and transmitters has helped with efficiency. Funds are running low because they have been so aggressive with improvements.

Jim McCabe asked Bob about the markings he has seen on Main Street. Bob responded by saying that the DOT requires us to repair our old construction cuts. We need to make repairs per DOT specifications. A bid has been awarded to do the work.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Bob Shea reviewed the estimates received from Wright-Pierce and GZA for the exploration of water sources with the commission. The difference in how the project was estimated was discussed. Based on the information presented Dave Kuzminski made a motion to recommend the GZA proposal to the Board of Selectmen for approval. Jim Tripp seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION

None

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

First Selectman Ryan Curley commented on the previous discussion regarding choosing a firm to perform the water exploration project. He stated that we will be working with our Finance Director and DPH. He agrees that GZA is the more thorough of the two proposals but stated that the decision is ultimately up to DPH.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Jim Tripp made a motion to adjourn. Jim Nursick seconded. All ayes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

NEXT MEETING - MAY 9, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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