

Minutes of the Penacook/Boscawen Water Precinct

Location of Meeting: 9 Woodbury Lane
Boscawen, N.H. 03303

Present at Meeting: Bruce Crawford, Commissioner
Bill Murphy, Commissioner
Nathan Young, Commissioner

The regular meeting of the Penacook/Boscawen Water Precinct was called to order at 9 Woodbury Lane, Boscawen, N.H. on July 28, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. by Commissioner Bruce Crawford, Chair.

Financial Update:

Commissioners signed manifest and checks.

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Commissioner Bill Murphy made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes and Sealed Nonpublic Minutes of July 14, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Nathan Young. Passed Unanimously.

New Business:

1. Water Street Hydrants: Commissioner Bill Murphy reported that he has had a conversation with the Boscawen Fire Chief and noted that the Chief has a valid point that if hydrants are there they should work. and he tried to explain to him that there is a reason for them not working suggested a couple of cisterns and chief flat no. Did kick around idea of creating booster station with a better pump but that only goes so far also. May be worth it to ask Dave about it. It is on the end of the line which is a problem believe it is a 12-inch main and about 1 mile uphill from the booster station. Bill reviewed how the water flows up to water street. Booster on Raymond Road trying to push a mile, mile and a half. What are you at for pressure is the question? Nathan will talk with Dave. How does the tank get refreshed? Nathan In order to fill a tank you would still need an entire new booster station and it would be a several million-dollar project. Tank must be big enough for fire protection at its lowest level and you must cycle the tank, then the question becomes how do you get the tank to draw down when you only have 50 users on it. Bill questioned having a second small line. Nathan must use existing line and

would have to be controlled by telemetry. Bill, will it refresh enough? Or do you need blowoff. Nate if tank was sized correctly, it should refresh but unsure if you can get the size tank required for fire protection and cycle it with few users. Could take Military Truck they purchased and fill it full of water as a water tanker and pull it behind the water truck. Discussion took place regarding utilizing the military truck as a water tanker truck. Keep on agenda. Nathan questioned along the route in two or three places can you put an isolated tank which is not part of the system and is filled up via fire hydrants slowly. Then it can be utilized for a fire and after the fire the tank gets refilled. Bill may have to argue a bit more strongly about cisterns being a viable way of doing it Loudon does it. Discussed difference of elevation difference, look at google earth. Bruce has someone come up with a number and tell the town how much it will cost.

2. Tank Cleaning Proposal: Commissioner Nathan Young reported that Underwater Solutions did clean all the tanks including the nursing home tank back in 2017. They have sent a proposal for the total for all 3 tanks being \$11,670 individually it would be A\$3,890 per tank. All 4 tanks would be a total of \$15,560 but they proposed a bundle price of \$14,240 for all 4 tanks. Commissioner Bruce Crawford said the proposal and amount being charged sounds reasonable. Commissioner Nathan Young also noted that the tanks should be cleaned every 4 or 5 years. **Commissioner Nathan Young made a motion to accept the proposal and have the cleaning of the tanks scheduled. Seconded by Commissioner Bruce Crawford. Passed Unanimously.** Commissioner Nathan Young signed and dated the bid proposal and will scan and email it to Underwater Solutions tomorrow and work on scheduling the cleanings with them.
3. Red Oak: Red Oak had a couple of backflow preventors which failed. Cheryl Mitchell thought it was 180 North Main Street, but Commissioner Bill Murphy noted that it was not. Therefore, the Commissioners are confused about the location and issue. Commissioner Bruce Crawford noted that the problem was solved. The Commissioners agreed that they will have to check on this issue.

Old Business:

1. 46 Tremont Street: The Commissioners read through the report regarding the issue. It was noted that Pennichuck went back, and they could get a second read off the meter. Commissioner Nathan Young questioned if as far as the billing is concerned are they still on same path for water usage that they have been on. Commissioner Bill Murphy recommended perhaps doing a meter test on the house. Further, he explained that Prescott sells a kit which you hook up to the outside faucet and has a meter attached to it. You are then able to read the house meter before and after to compare the flow on both. Commissioner Bill Murphy

reported that he tired this kit on his house and it worked fine and that he has offered her to have her meter tested. It is not a long-term test, but it does give correct meter readings. Perhaps this would make it more palatable. The customer is not against paying the bill, she just wants to know what is happening. It was further noted that for 3 years she has had estimated bills and the estimates were underestimated. Commissioner Bill Murphy will email the customer and offer her the meter testing.

2. Caron property 147 North Main Street: Commissioner Nathan Young reported that he received the proposal from WSO which was reviewed by the other Commissioners. The Commissioners have no problem with the proposal. Commissioner Nathan Young explained that this proposal was the first step and that the Commissioners must approve the scope of work. Dave Caron would still have to get ahold of a few people to calculate final pricing. Commissioner Nathan Young did will talk with Dave Caron and discussed whether he should tap off the main in the road or the other location he mentioned which is on someone else's property. Commissioner Nathan Young made is clear that he should do the tapping on the road and to not tap in the middle of some else's property. The Commissioners reviewed the map and work zone. **Commissioner Nathan Young made a motion to accept the scope of work as written in the proposal. Seconded by Commissioner Bill Murphy. Passed Unanimously.** Commissioner Nathan Young will get in touch with Dave Caron and Charlie of WSO to let them know of the approval. He will additionally speak to Charlie of WSO about sending the set price quote to the Commissioners for their discussion and decision.
3. Nate will get ahold of Dave and Charlie and let them know is approved. Will talk to Charlie about sending the price and the Commissioners will talk about that again once a set price proposal is received.
4. Pennichuck/ Merrimack County discussion @ Annual Meeting: Commissioner Nathan Young reported that the issues between the Precinct and the Merrimack County facility are being worked through. He noted that he did have another email correspondence about the Chlorine issue. The facility has been having a 3rd party doing the testing. Commissioner Bill Murphy questioned where the sampling was taking place. Commissioner Nathan Young is unsure as to where and how they are sampling. The Precinct runs at .75. and he has made it a point to respond that if one or two hits are coming up in the 1-3 range that they will contact Commissioner Nathan Young who will go and take an accurate test. Commissioner Nathan Young further noted that he is happy with the relations and feels as if things are good again. Commissioner Nathan Young will email and let him know about the MCNH tank cleaning and scheduling. Remove from Agenda.

5. CCR report for DES: The report is to be completed by Pennichuck. Commissioner Nathan Young will email Dan Wojcik and ask if the CCR report has been completed and submitted to DES.
6. 16 School Street 2 Meters: Commissioner Bill Murphy sent a letter to the owner explaining that the outside faucet needs to be repaired. Additionally, he emailed Pennichuck to open another account for the customer. Commissioner Bill Murphy will check with Sarah Diggins at Pennichuck on the status.
7. Woody Hollow Private Hydrant Agreement: The Cooperative's lawyer states that the Cooperative is allowed to have any outside maintenance company maintain their system and they want to be able to operate their own valves and such within the Cooperative. The Cooperative is fine with having the Precinct flush the hydrants on a schedule, and therefore we have amended the agreement as follows: "Private fire protection systems must receive written approval by the Precinct and by the Fire Department in the municipality before installation and are subject to flushing in accordance with these Rules. Prior to being placed in service, the owner shall agree the Precinct shall flush all privately owned hydrants which are connected to the Precinct's system." The Precinct will endeavor to maintain reasonable private fire service but does not guarantee adequate service or any aspect of such services. The Agreement between Woody Hollow and the Precinct was presented to the Commissioners by Commissioner Bill Murphy. Commissioner Nathan Young noted that it may be worth mentioning that if there are water quality issues, they should not flush their system prior to contacting the Precinct, as they may cause other issues out on the street side. Commissioner Nathan Young signed the amended agreement. Woody Hollow is all set for the time being.
8. Wellhead Protection Program: Completed, off agenda.
9. Well field issues/access pad well 2: Still working on.
10. Well # 4: Commissioner Nathan Young received a document earlier today regarding Well #4 and presented the document to the other Commissioners. It is unknown if this document was written in this context State more. The first stage is getting the Precinct up to date and the pricing is reasonable. It was also noted that that the document states that they will start working on grant programs. The question is if this need to get underway or should this first stage be held until the Precinct can see if it can get grants for the first stage. Additionally, it was noted that the City of Concord is looking for a supplementary water source and that perhaps where both Concord and the Precinct have a cross connect and both have the same goa that there may be some sort of collaborative project that can be

done. Commissioner Bill Murphy noted that it may be worth the conversation with the City of Concord. Commissioner Nathan Young is happy with the proposal and feels it is a reasonable price. He would like to talk to the grant guy and see when the Precinct can start working on getting grants. The cost for this first stage would be \$9,000 and Commissioner Bill Murphy noted it should come out of the WIF account. **Commissioner Bruce Crawford made a motion to have Commissioner Nathan Young pursue the Well #4 project further. Seconded by Commissioner Bill Murphy. Passed Unanimously.**

11. Tank @ Merrimack County Home: It was noted that the Precinct owns the MCNH tank and the lines to the tank. The Precinct leases the land under the tank and has a right of way to the tank. There is a deed to the corrosion building for the Precinct and a lease for it. Therefore, it is still unclear which is correct. Everything else at the MCNH is privately owned by them. Completed, off Agenda.

12. Granite State Rural Water Operator Field Day 9/14/21 Mt Sunapee: Commissioner Bruce Crawford reported that he is going to try to go to it and that it is not very costly.

Commissioner Bill Murphy made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session per RSA 91-A:II (c). Seconded by Commissioner Nathan Young. Passed Unanimously. Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

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Other:

1. Outstanding Trailer Park Water Bills: Commissioner Bill Murphy noted that the RSA 38:22 not on the side of the Precinct when it comes to trailer parks and collecting the outstanding bills. He further noted that the Towns do not have as much of a collection issue because they have property tax collectors. One of the big questions is how to collect on a water bill when a trailer is removed. It was also noted that Griggs feels it is not theft of services as the water is going through the master meter and he is paying the master meter bill. Therefore, Grigg's argument is, if it is paid through the master meter, then the metered bill is null and void. Griggs has been known to jump over meters. Commissioner Bruce Crawford noted that the other way of looking at things is that Griggs has upped the requirement for credit scores and new trailers are going in replacing junk trailers. Commissioner Bill Murphy further noted that getting a little bit better quality clientele in the trailer parks increases the chances that the future water bills will be paid. The Commissioners agreed that there is not going to be an easy solution to the issue.

Long-Term Projects:

1. CIP Update: Tabled
2. DES Asset Management Survey: Tabled

Meeting Closed:

Motion to Close the Meeting by Commissioner Bruce Crawford. Seconded by Commissioner Bill Murphy. Passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. by Commissioner Bruce Crawford, Chair.

Next Meeting:

The Next Regular Meeting Penacook/Boscawen Water Precinct, 9 Woodbury Lane, Boscawen, NH. on, Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lauren Hargrave, Recording Clerk on August 2, 2021

Minutes approved by: _____ /s/ _____ on August 2, 2021
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