

Minutes of the Penacook/Boscawen Water Precinct

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

Present at Meeting: Nathan Young, Commissioner, Chair
Bill Murphy, Commissioner
Frank Dineen, Commissioner
Lauren Hargrave, Clerk
Cheryl Mitchell, Consultant
Lorrie Carey, Selectperson
Paul Mathews, Public
Greg Smith, Wright-Pierce

The regular meeting of the Penacook/Boscawen Water Precinct was called to order at 9 Woodbury Lane, Boscawen, N.H. of January 29, 2025, at 5:26 p.m. by Commissioner Nathan Young, 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 of January 8, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Frank Dineen. Passed Unanimously.

New Business:

1. Public Discussion: Lorrie Carey, Town of Boscawen Selectperson, inquired how the process was going regarding the Ross Express Project to see if there is anything the Selectboard can do to lend support. Lorrie Carey questioned if PBWP has a date designated so it can be placed on the Town of Boscawen Selectboard agenda. Commissioner Bill Murphy explained the Attorney Jeffery Christensen of Cleveland, Waters, and Bass has a letter to send to the Selectboard as well as the City of Concord. Copies of the Petition and other documentation will be sent along with the letter. Lorrie Carey acknowledge she did receive mail from Cleveland, Waters, and Bass and she forwarded it on to the Town Administrator. Additionally,

she requested that when a date is set please let the Selectboard know as soon as possible. Commissioner Bill Murphy reported that now they are waiting on Concord to respond with a date and that is where it currently stands. Lorrie Carey explained the Selectboard has been trying to do outreach as there are a number of new Concord City Counselors who have never been through this process. She encourages all those involved in the project to do the outreach to the Concord City Counsel so when the joint meeting is held they will already be on board and understand the process. Commissioner Bill Murphy suggested perhaps an information packet could be sent to the Concord City Counsel members. Lorrie Carey agreed and noted it can even be sent via email. Commissioner Bill Murphy reported Ross Express and North Brance Builders would like to move forward soon as they are expecting to finish by next winter. A brief discussion took place regarding the start of the project and the Town of Boscawen Planning Board.

Lorrie Carey explained that the Sewer Project is going forward and the Selectboard would like the PBWP Commissioners to be part of the discussion regarding the project. Commissioner Bill Murphy reported that some things are doable, and some are incredibly expensive and will be impossible to do. Commissioner Nathan Young reported the PBWP is currently put in for the Rural Development Application to see where it will take the PBWP in relation to the Project. The cost per mile is absolutely undoable at 2 million a mile. Additionally, Commissioner Nathan Young explained that the PBWP has things which need fixing currently and to spend money on things which are currently not broken is not feasible. Commissioner Nathan Young reported the Commissioners took off about half the project costs as it is not the Precincts main concern at this time. A discussion took place regarding piping material, life expectancy of piping, current piping material within the project area, funding, and the scoring system for the Precinct and funding. The Precinct is trying to avoid increasing the rates extensively for the people of Boscawen. Therefore, they are actively working on half of the project which the Precinct wants to address. The unnecessary half is being put on hold for more important things at the moment.

Lorrie Carey reported the King Street project will start in the next year or two which will be underfunded. However, it will be an opportunity for the Precinct when the road is opened up. Commissioner Bill Murphy reported the heart of the project would most likely be worthwhile doing is the water main which is under the roundabout and will have it diverted to go down the side of High Street. Lorrie Carey also noted the Beautification Committee will be most likely ask PBWP to have water in the roundabout. A brief discussion took place regarding a water break under the roundabout. Lorrie Carey noted the Selectboard would like PBWP

to engage in the discussions about the King Street Project and the engineers. The shape of the roundabout will most likely be elliptical.

Lorrie Carey questioned if the Precinct has done an Updated Emergency Preparedness Plan. Commissioner Nathan Young reported he sent one last March and will send one out yearly as needed.

A brief discussions took place regarding Pennichuck getting information together for Tim Kenney which should arrive sometime next week. 24 new units are to be built off of North Main Street which will be more water usage along with other housing being built around Boscawen. Tim Kenney reports water usage amounts and Pennichuck has a spreadsheet for the unaccounted-for water which is helpful for leak detection.

Lorrie Carey and Paul Mathews departed the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

2. Greg Smith Wright-Pierce: Greg Smith reported Wright-Pierce is moving forward on finding test Well sites for Well #4 on the existing Well field. Also, he will help the Precinct to figure out what needs to be done regarding the requirements the State has for large ground water withdrawal permit. Greg Smith also reported the Precinct is looking at getting some grant money. Greg Smith introduced an arial map on his computer for the Commissioners to view. He pointed out land area where no Wells will be permitted. Commissioner Nathan Young noted Well #3 loses production quickly and he believes something went wrong when the Well was initially made. It does not act as it should because once you get it cleaned production comes back but within a year to year and a half after cleaning diminishes faster than it should. Well #1 acts as it should and produces like it should. Well #2 has super high elevated Iron and Manganese. The Precinct would like to limit the use and if Well #4 had quantity with clean water it would be a good default. Wells #1 and #3 also have Iron and Manganese in them. In order to make the Wells viable there should be filtration on the site which is not currently there. In the long term the Precinct is discussing putting green sand filtration for all the Wells. A discussion took place regarding the Well site and Well rotation. Greg Smith requested the Emery and Garret report so he could copy/scan it. A brief discussion took place regarding other water systems in the State. Being on the Merrimack River with a lot of sand and gravel the Precinct has good Well locations. The Wells are all spaced far enough apart so if any Well went down the other two could be run to solve a lot of problems. Continued discussion took place regarding the current Wells, possible Well sites, water quality issues, design issues, fractures, debris field, Well cleaning via Barrie Miller, etc. Greg Smith also reported the Precinct has money which needs to be utilized to figure out how to solve the problem. The Emery & Garret report needs to be reviewed and then engage DES.

Further discussion took place regarding a treatment plant, connecting, and existing structures, chemicals, reuse of existing infrastructure, etc. Greg Smith noted there is a question on where it fits in the regulations, a brand-new source or a backup source. A brief discussion took place regarding funding, Well distance, and possible other locations for Well #4. Commissioner Nathan Young questioned the Large Ground Water Permit and what needs to be done. Greg Smith explained it would depend on if you do a backup Well or a replacement Well. If you go for additional water at the site the Precinct will have to do the Large Ground Water Permit. Commissioner Nathan Young questioned when the Large Gound Water Permit was renewed for the existing Well an email letter came back explaining the Precinct now has to be at modern standards which includes a Well Head Protection Area. He will forward the email to Wright-Pierce, and they will take care of it. The Emery and Garret report was given to Greg Smith, and he will take it back to his office for coping and scanning. Once it is completed a scanned copy will be sent to the Precinct. Greg Smith questioned the site behind the Veterans Cemetery. The distance and cost would not be efficient enough and utilizing straight through the middle of the cemetery so you would have to go on a diagonal around and it would be a long route. A brief discussion took place regarding the rail trail and it was noted that DOT and railroad being involved would most likely not result good. Additionally, it was noted there was never a permit issued for the cemetery site. Greg Smith will give the Precinct a proposal with a summary report which will contain all the options which will allow the Precinct and Wright-Pierce to speak with DES and then go from there.

Greg Smith departed the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

3. Pennichuck Invoices: Commissioner Bill Murphy reported Pennichuck invoices seem to be doing much better, and they have more information on them.
4. Curb Stop Issue: Commissioner Nathan Young quested when and if there are regulations in effect and the Precinct has to regulate dig services to figure out what a curb stop contains for material, will the Precinct have to dig and repair driveways which may have to be dug into when locating the curb stop. Commissioner Bill Murphy explained that if there is a leaking curb stop and the curb stop is on someones property the Precinct's responsibility, and therefore if it is located in a private driveway the Precinct will have to pay for not only the repair but will need to put the driveway back the way they it originally was. Commissioner Bill Murphy noted that if a way can be figured out how not to do this the Precinct would be better off. A discussion took place regarding old curb stops, unknown and known piping, which was utilized, and foreseeable regulations.

5. 49 Commercial Street Easement Deed: ***Commissioner Nathan Young made a motion to accept the easement deed written for 49 Commercial Street and present it to the owner for signature. Seconded by Commissioner Frank Dineen. Passed Unanimously.***
6. Ross Express Wright-Pierce Review & Ross Express PBWP Boundary Change: Commissioner Bill Murphy reported the Ross Express engineer sent information to Wright-Pierce for review. The boundary change was discussed previously in the minutes when it was discussed with Lorrie Carey.
7. PBWP Budget/Public Hearing: Commissioner Bill Murphy reported the final numbers for the year can be taken and those numbers utilized for 2025. It does not appear that many changes are needed. The last date to hold the public hearing budget date is February 14th. The PBWP regular meeting date is February 12th, and the budget hearing can be held on the same day. A second public hearing on the budget can be held after February 14th if needed. A discussion took place regarding revenue and expenses.
8. Rates: The rate sheet will be worked on by Commissioner Nathan Young for the next meeting. Commissioner Nathan Young remembered that under the connection fee rate it was separated by residence and commercial and that same thing should be applied to the Water Investment Fees. A brief discussion took place regarding filling pools.
9. iPads: Commissioner Nathan Young reported he was trying to set up the iPads and he was able to update the account on Bruce's iPad. The other two are locked up. Commissioner Nathan Young contacted Apple, and they explained the locked iPads can be taken to an apple store for unlocking as long as there is proof of a receipt of purchase accompanying them. Lauren Hargrave will look for documents/receipts for the purchase of the iPads. The iPads can be connected to the PBWP Gmail account.
10. Rural Development Application Comm: Commissioner Nathan Young reported the Rural Development Application was officially submitted. There are a few follow-up documents which have also been submitted. Hopefully the other two documents will be submitted and then it is just waiting for an answer.
11. EIO Electrical Work: Commissioner Nathan Young reported EIO did some of the work but not all of the work at the Corrosion Building. He called Chad and am waiting for him to respond. If an invoice is received it will not be paid as the work is not completed. EIO did replace several receptacles around the outside, they did put the seal time instead of the Romex between the transfer pump, but they did not due the heating disconnect or the removal of the extra seal tight coming out of

the box. Also, the fan work was not done, and the rewiring in the PLC Cabinet was not done. Further, Commissioner Nathan Young reported he did not go to the Well site to open up the disconnects there to see if they had worked on that. The work was supposed to be done between January 14th and 17th.

12. Wood Hollow Core and Main: Commissioner Frank Dineen reported everything will be taken care of in March. It appears there was some confusion in the beginning of the project and the Commissioners reviewed the new quote.

13. 151 Backflow (Cross Connect): Tabled.

Other Business:

1. 49 Commercial Street: Commissioner Bill Murphy reported an agreement with 49 Commercial Street is still being worked on by the Precinct Attorney.

Long-Term Projects:

- 1. Well #4: Tabled
- 2. Detailed Invoices: Tabled
- 3. GIS: Tabled
- 4. Corrosion Building Generator: Tabled
- 5. Water Boundary, Ross Express: Tabled
- 6. 49 Commercial St. Agreement: Tabled

Meeting Closed:

Motion to Close the Meeting by Commissioner Nathan Young. Seconded by Commissioner Bill Murphy. Passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm. by Commissioner Nathan Young, Chair.

Next Meeting:

The Next Regular Meeting Penacook/Boscawen Water Precinct, 9 Woodbury Lane, Boscawen, NH on February 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lauren Hargrave, Recording Clerk on February 4, 2025.

Minutes approved by: _____ /s/ _____ on February 12, 2025
_____ /s/ _____ on February 12, 2025
_____ /s/ _____ on February 12, 2025