Bennington Water/Sewer Commissioners' Meeting August 13, 2024 at 4:00 PM Meeting Minutes

Present: Dennis McKenney, Tyler Howe, Melissa Clark, Matt Miller, DJ Wing

Tyler opened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Meeting held at the well site off Bible Hill Road.

Fencing Review: Matt Miller painted lines around the building in order to show where the fence could be placed. A discussion took place regarding type of fencing and size. It was agreed upon that the fence could be placed where Matt requested. There was a discussion regarding getting the inside area of the fence hard packed, or paved. It was determined that will be done after the new fence is installed. Tyler asked DJ if the highway department will have time to move the old fence out of there, and DJ said as long as they aren't paving they will have time to remove the fence.

Winter Maintenance: A discussion took place regarding the Bennington Highway Department taking over snow removal for three sites in Town that Antrim W/S maintains.

These are the sites as well as the expectations for winter maintenance at each site:

Well Site off Bible Hill Road: Matt indicated that all around the fence needs to be plowed and can be pushed over the bank. He said that the front of the building (inside the fence) needs to have the snow removed and the highway department will need to snow blow that area as well as the side of the building.

Starrett Road Pump Station: Matt indicated that site needs to be plowed and shoveled to the door, hatch, and propane tank.

Vault on Rt 47: Matt indicated that site needs to be plowed against the fence, and shovel to the vault.

Further discussion included Matt making DJ aware that Matt's department does visit the well site, and the Starrett Road pump station 7 days per week. He indicated that they get there between 7:30am and 8am on the weekdays, and between 8:30am and 9am on the weekends. DJ advised that shouldn't be a problem in terms of getting the snow removed by then. Matt wanted clarification that if the sites aren't accessible because snow removal hadn't been done in time, does the Board want him to do it, and charge Bennington. It was agreed upon that if it happens

that Matt and/or Zack show up and winter maintenance is not completed, before they do any snow removal themselves, they will call the Bennington Highway Department to come and do it.

At this point in the meeting Matt and DJ left, and the Board went on to discuss the following:

Evergreen Cemetery Water Line: A discussion started in reference to fixing the water line, or shutting it off for good. Melissa advised it can be shut off for good as she is on the cemetery committee and that's what they have decided. She advised that people will have to bring their own water. It was decided that it will be winterized in the fall, and that will be the end of it.

Fencing: Tyler asked Cathy to ask Jim Cleary to have Crowe Fencing give Tyler a call. It was discussed that a look at the budget would determine if the fencing payment can come out of this year's budget, or CRF.

Well Building: Tyler suggested the exterior of the building should be painted. Melissa volunteered to contact Norm Mercier to get a quote. Cathy advised she knows someone who might be able to give a quote as well. It was determined the building will be painted blue.

Motion to accept the June 11, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Tyler, and seconded by Dennis.

Nothing further, Dennis made a motion to adjourn at 4:45pm.

Motion seconded by Tyler Howe.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy McGillicuddy, rent collector