

**Water Committee
Minutes of Meeting
June 11, 2014**

The meeting was called to order in the Milton Public Library at 5:01 PM.

Roll Call:

John Collier, Member & Town Council Liaison, present
Sam Garde, present
John Bushey, present
Greg Wingo, present

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Garde noted that he had suggested an additional Agenda Item by e-mail to other members, specifically that the Water Committee go over the current data regarding the quantity of water pumped vs water billed. Mr. Wingo indicated that the number of gallons of "missing water" has been significantly reduced since replacing/upgrading meters and check valves. However, the general topic was tabled because this (6/11/14) meeting was a noticed meeting and that new Agenda Items were not to be included in any such meeting. The Committee agreed to table the discussion until the next general meeting. Mr. Wingo agreed to include this Item in the Agenda for the next meeting and to bring the data to demonstrate the current situation.

Mr. Garde then made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Bushey seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Guests

It was noted that Mayor Jones, and two members of the public (PD Caminish and Ted Kanakos) were present.

These Minutes

These minutes cover only the high points of the meeting. There was no recording device for the meeting, so these will be the formal minutes of this meeting. It was noted that generally the Water Committee discussions are recorded and that anyone interested in the full discussions can normally listen to the recording at the Town Hall.

New Business:

Organization of the Committee. It was noted that the membership of the Water Committee had recently been reconstituted to include only the four members present as indicated above. Later, Mayor Jones indicated that she was contemplating adding additional members to the Committee, but as of now, the membership is as noted above. It was also noted that Mr. Wingo would generally act as facilitator of the meetings, and conduct them generally in accordance with Roberts' Rules.

Mr. Bushey indicated that the Water Committee should establish regular meetings. After discussion, all members agreed on the concept of holding regular meetings. Mr.

Garde made a motion that the Water Committee schedule regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 PM in the Library. Mr. Bushey seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Recommendation to Town Council for the Installation of a commercial well at Finish Line Car Wash. Mr. Garde opined that the Owner of the Finish Line Car Wash was not given a fair chance to present the technical details of his plans for the well to the Water Committee. Mr. Garde still had technical questions re how the Applicant planned to prevent his untreated water from entering the Town's treated Water system, and how he planned to comply with Code re measuring (in order to pay the required fees for) his discharge to the water treatment system. Mr. Collier noted that the Town Council had already acted on the Application and had rejected it, and that therefore, further discussions may be moot. Mr. Wingo then noted that Mr. Parker had submitted a new, revised application for a commercial well at his facility. It was concluded that the Water Committee had the right to listen to the Applicant's new/revised application and make a recommendation to the Town Council, who subsequently had the authority to accept or reject any recommendation from the Committee.

It was noted that the Committee had approved motions at their February 28, 2014 meeting to: (1) request that the Town Council engage Penoni to gather examples of what neighboring communities have done, including charges for water pumped from private wells; and (2) request that the Town Council have the Town Solicitor opine on whether the Town can develop a policy while holding Mr. Parker's request in abeyance; and (3) that Mr. Parker's application be tabled at the Water Committee level until the information to be provided in the above motions was returned and assessed by the Committee, assuming that the Town Council acts affirmatively on the two motions outlined above.

In response to motion (1) above, it was noted that the Town Staff, rather than Penoni, would research neighboring communities. Mr. Garde noted that he had not heard the results of the investigations, but that he had missed both the last Water Committee meeting and the April Town Council meeting due to family commitments, so there may just be a communications issue. In response to motion (2) above, it was noted the Town Solicitor opined that the Town can only consider the Code and Ordinances currently effective when addressing any application that requires Code compliance. In response to motion (3) above, it was noted that Water Committee did not receive the information requested in order to make a recommendation to Town Council, but that the Town Council took up the application at its April meeting, rejecting it, as indicated in the minutes of that meeting. At his request, the application was further discussed with Mr. Parker with Town Council during its June meeting, as noted in the minutes of that meeting.

It was again noted by the Committee, as it was in the minutes of their February meeting, that there is no designated policy regarding the conditions under which a private well could be approved, or what detailed procedure must be followed by a person requesting approval to install a private well. However, in order reasonably address Mr. Parker's

new/revised Application, a motion was made by Mr. Garde and seconded by Mr. Collier that the Water Committee meet on 25 June at 4:30 PM in the Town Library and invite Mr. Parker in order to hear his reasons for the new/revised Application and discuss in detail any technical or other issues any member of the Committee may have.

Five year plan for water infrastructure. A document was circulated with some ideas for the future requirements of the Town's water infrastructure. See attached copy of the draft. A motion was made by Mr. Collier to table further discussions of the document until the new (and old) members of the Committee had a reasonable time to review and comment on it. Mr. Garde seconded. A lengthy discussion ensued, including the fact that the now defunct Land Acquisition Committee had already done some research into possible sites for a new water well. It was suggested that such research not be lost when/if a new reconstituted Land Acquisition Committee is appointed. After the discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous vote after a second.

Very Respectfully submitted,
James C. ("Sam") Garde &
John Bushey

att. Draft Document: Water Committee's Prioritized List of Goals and Objectives