

**LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 10, 2018**

Chairman Greg Page called the regular meeting of the Laconia Water Department Board of Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2018 in the conference room at the Water Treatment Facility at 117 Stark Street. Present were Commissioners Gregory Page, Joseph Driscoll, and Dennis Bothamley; Ex-Officio member Public Works Director Wesley Anderson, Superintendent Seth Nuttelman and Clerk Cheryl Hounsell.

A motion was made by Dennis Bothamley, seconded by Wes Anderson, to accept the minutes of April 26, 2018. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Dennis Bothamley, seconded by Wes Anderson, to approve the accounts payables and the financial statement dated May 9, 2018. The vote was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PAUGUS BAY MILFOIL-** Seth stated that the members had received copies of the e-mails between him and Amy Smagula. Scott reached out to Amy and Seth received an e-mail with a copy of the 2013 testing results at 10, 20, and 60 days from the application of 2-4D at the Christmas Island/Langley Cove site as previously requested. The results from the 2011 application of 2-4D at the Langley Cove site on 6/14/11 shows a concentration of 1.5ppb at the raw water site at the treatment plant on 7/6/11. In Amy's e-mail of May 4, 2018 she stated that there is a new chemical that is being used in treating milfoil. Procellacor was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use in treating milfoil in February of 2018 and there are not any drinking water restrictions. We are doing some research on this herbicide. Amy stated that if they decide to use the Procellacor in place of the 2-4D that it would require doing a new bid. Seth will send an e-mail to Amy inquiring about the cost associated with using Procellacor. Greg Page stated that they should get bid information on using Procellacor versus 2-4D and we should still proceed cautiously. Seth stated that it appears that the Procellacor dissipates much quicker than the 2-4D. Joe Driscoll was concerned if they changed over to the new chemical if they would revert back to the larger area for treatment.

**LANGLEY COVE-** Seth stated that Langley Cove was before the Planning Board on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. He further stated that all the contracts with the water department are in Brady Sullivan hands. They are comfortable with the three easements; they are still looking over the contracts. There will be a condition of approval by the Planning Board that the Water documents must be in place prior to any construction being started on the project.

**2018/2019 BUDGET-** Seth stated he will go before the City Council on 5/14/18 about 6:00 p.m. to present the budget.

**Water Main Replacement/Sewer Lateral Issues-**There is nothing new to report.

**Court Street Update-** Seth stated that the project is progressing well. Busby is doing the Sewer. Seth stated that he attended a meeting on the Fair Street intersection and the intersection is being redesigned for sewer. Once the sewer is complete in the intersection, we will do the water work. We are looking at about 70' of pipe with lots of gates, tees, and elbows. Next week we will start replacing the nuts on the old gates on Court St. and we also have about thirty small digs to replace or move service boxes. The only area that will require water to be off is when we get to the intersection of West St. and Court St. We will do a night dig from about midnight to 4 or 5 am when we do this section.

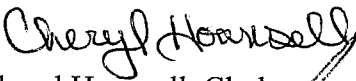
**BOWMAN STREET-** Seth stated that the work on Bowman Street is going well. They have been installing 140 to 150' of pipe per day. We are tying in Academy at Bowman St. today. By the end of next week we should be out of Bowman St.

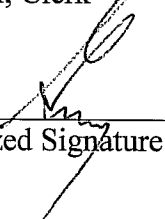
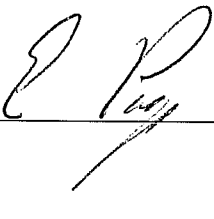
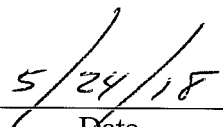
**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CITY MASTER PLAN-**Seth shared an article in the newspaper concerning the City Master Plan and having the availability of city water to the areas where it is currently not available to spur development. The question would be who is going to pay for extending the water to these areas. The water department has always let development pay for the costs to extend water lines.

**WATER RATES-**Seth stated that we are pumping less water. Seth distributed a gallons billed bar chart, a spreadsheet of consumption billed from 2000 to 2017 and other documents to the members for their review. Our consumption billed has been down an average of 1% per year over the last 17 years. Among the other documents was a history of water rates. Seth stated that we have many fixed costs not dependent on the amount of water pumped and sold. Seth stated that our last water rate increase was realized in April 2016 when we raised the consumption rate from \$1.45 to \$1.85 per hundred cubic feet (HCF) with a projected increase of revenue of \$225,000 per year. The last few times that we had a rate increase, we raised the consumption rate and the decrease in the amount of water sold has affected what we have been able to raise in revenues. Perhaps we should look at a small increase to the unit rate and the consumption rate in our next rate increase. We have had many capital projects/purchases over the last two years and are looking at more in the near future. We are looking at an estimate of \$675,000 to relay Union Avenue from Gilford Avenue to South Main Street. We can look at bonding some of the projects or taking money out of reserve; if we look at taking it out of reserve, we are probably looking at a rate increase to have the money in reserve as revenues are going down due to consumptions going down. Seth stated that depending on where Public Works road schedule goes we may have streets that we may have to relay. Greg Page stated that we should probably look at doing a small water rate increase as our rates are low. We have some large expenditures/capital projects coming up that will need to be funded. Even if we do a rate increase, our rates will still be low compared to other water rates in the State of New Hampshire. Dennis Bothamley stated that we should make sure that we have the cost of replacing water lines in our water rates going forward. Seth will have data for a possible rate increase at the next meeting.

No further business, a motion was made by Wes Anderson, Seconded by Dennis Bothamley to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 a.m. The vote was unanimous.

  
Cheryl Hounsell, Clerk

    
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