

NEW SHOREHAM WATER DISTRICT
MONTHLY MEETING

August 17, 2009 Minutes

Present were Water Commission members Wayne Battey, Robby Brown, Jason Howarth, Peter McNerney and Alternate Frank Leslie, and District Clerk Janet Ziegler.
Absent was member Sandra Finizia, Rally Migliaccio.

Also present were Public Works Director Nancy Dodge, Finance Director Amy Lewis, Water Superintendent Dave Simmons, Water Operator John Bruenig, and Counsel Elliot Taubman.

J. Howarth called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM.

1. Welcome new members W. Battey and P. McNerney. J. Howarth introduced and warmly welcomed the new members to their first meeting.

2. Approve Minutes July 20. Howarth abstain from approval.

MOTION: by F. Leslie to approve the July 20 minutes as submitted and the motion was seconded. J. Howarth noted that he would abstain since he was not present; new members W. Battey and P. McNerney announced that they would also abstain as this was their first meeting. The motion was withdrawn by Leslie and approval will be taken up at the next meeting.

AYE: 5 (Battey, Brown, McNerney, Leslie). NAY: Ø. ABSTAIN: 1 (Howarth).

The motion carried.

3. Reports from Officials.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING.

▪ Communications and Alarms.

N. Dodge reported that there would be a meeting on Wednesday night, August 19, to approve purchase of the fire alarm equipment; it should be received within two weeks. R. Boucher stated that sewer would use the radio base alarms as its primary alarm; alarms by telephone, not yet installed, would be a backup.

FINANCE.

▪ Financial Report as of July 31; Aging Report July.

July is first month in fiscal year and there is not much to report. The end of the fiscal year, June 30, will be opened during August as items are move around. No grant money is budgeted this year, so will be relatively simply.

A. Land stated that water's Aging Report looked reasonable; the usage billing is \$95K with \$75K in the current month, so not bad. There was no Report for distribution; she expects to have Aging straighten out by next month. There is a software problem that when an account has a credit balance, it sometimes adds interest charges.

WATER PLANT OPERATIONS.

The July Operations report was distributed. D. Simmons stated that the water company is pretty much on target with its budget as they are adjusting expenses to balance decreases in revenues; power use has decreased.

4. Backflow Prevention Program and Cross-Connection Control Plan. (RI State Requirement.)

A consent agreement, between the Town and DEM (Department of Environmental Management), was signed to extend the closing date to December for incorporating the new State to Dec.

J. Bruenig said that the new regulations are needed in order to protect the public health and would initially require a door-to-door survey of all water customers and an extensive public education program. A PowerPoint presentation followed explaining forms of cross-connections and the needs for backflow prevention. Examples of disasters were attributed to furnaces, garden hoses and landscaping.

5. Announcements and Public Comment. There was no input.

MOTION: by J. Howarth to adjourn the meeting was seconded, a quorum was present and the vote to adjourn was approved unanimously by all members present.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ziegler

District Clerk Approved: September 21, 2009

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