Moose Hill Water Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of September 27, 2016

Members present: Kurt Parliment, Chair; Harry Brooks, Carl Wicklund, Jr

In Attendance: State Representative, Kate Campanale

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

New Business

Representative Kate Campanale

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Campanale for taking the time to meet with them.

They gave an overview on the Moose Hill Reservoir Project from when it first started as a Flood Control Project in the 1960s.

They explained the constant struggles trying to meet the strict standards laid out by DEP and continuing frustration trying to make people aware Moose Hill Reservoir exists and getting support from the Town's Governing Boards.

The Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) are responsible for the yearly maintenance on the property and Department of Agriculture (DOA) constructed the Dam. The State owns the land, minus 4-acres owned by the Town for the Treatment Plant and the Town owns the water.

Several concerns discussed on Leicester Water Supply District's resistance working with the Commission and the Town towards the reservoir becoming a public water source for the Town.

The WPI Student study results reviewed, which indicated the need for the water districts to consolidate in order to move forward with economic growth.

The Commissioners further reviewed DEPs New Source Approval Process and LWSD Contract Agreement with the Town of Leicester regarding placement of water/sewer pipes up Route 9.

They asked for any suggestions and stressed their desire to protect the reservoir from ongoing development around the site.

Ms. Campanale agreed there was a need to protect the reservoir and noted she would get in touch with Energy & Environmental Affairs and DEP to see what resources are available. Copies of the 2008 DEPs New Source Approval Process and LWSD Contract Agreement with the Town when the pipes were placed along Route 9 will be sent via email for her review.

Old Business

- Highway Department was contacted regarding construction of a driveway ay 500 Moose Hill Road and a driveway permit was not issued for that address.
- Conservation Commission was contacted regarding test holes being dug at 500 Moose Hill Road site and Conservation noted they do not have to be notified when digging test holes for perk tests.
- The Snowmobile Club was contacted regarding who maintains the snowmobile trails & bridges in Town and was informed that the club does all the maintenance with permission from the property owners.

Approval of Minutes

8/30/2016

MOTION: Mr. Wicklund moved to approve the minutes of August 30, 2016 SECONDED: Mr. Parliment – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Next Meeting

To be determined

MOTION: Mr. Brooks moved to adjourn

SECONDED: Mr. Wicklund – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted:

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