

**Moose Hill Water Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of February 13, 2018

Members present: Kurt Parliment, Chair; Harry Brooks

In Attendance: Peter Swanson, David Genereux, Town Administrator; Greg Buteau

Meeting called to order at 5:37PM

**New Business**

Reservoir update

Mr. Swanson presented his production budget. Budget production will consist of a 10-20 minutes documentary film; 3-day pre-production cost; 5-day production; 8-day post production; 5% contingency. Total Budget Cost: \$19,675

Discussion:

All agreed the film needs to explain additional costs to the Town and the water district subscribers; to explain Moose Hill won't solve current water costs and provide help explaining areas of confusion, such as, the reservoir water becoming immediately available.

When availability of water does becomes an issue, the public will need to understand Moose Hill would take, at the very least, 5 years before water can be drawn from the Reservoir.

A question on applying for grant money to help cover costs.

A suggestion incorporating LCAC to help in the production, helping to fray costs.

Mr. Swanson was not opened having LCAC help with production.

Mr. Genereux felt although Moose Hill Reservoir would be beneficial, there were no clear-cut solutions. He suggested trying to offer options to Water Districts. Although, he was not sure where the Town was with financing water district changes.

He felt the film could focus on where the red flags were, to point out water issues, lay out the process, to educate and inform the public for a better understanding.

It needs to reach out and show challenges & all points of concern.

Mr. Brooks wanted to meet with each water district to communicate the Town's need to consolidate and ask how they see the Town moving forward. He also understood there was concern with water district personnel keeping their jobs.

He felt the districts needed to be shown that by having multi-districts, it was chocking the Town's ability to focus on future economic development and to try convincing them that there's a need for developing the reservoir.

All agreed it would help if water districts talked to each other and the biggest challenge was for them to admit there are water problems. However, each district had their own agenda & direction on where they want to go.

Mr. Genereux noted the Lt. Governor potentially committed to possible state/federal loans becoming available at 2% interest. The challenge for the Town was to show their vision, establishing a 5-year plan and that there was a customer base willing to support development.

All agreed this being a tough sell, on trying to attract customers without knowing when or if Moose Hill would ever be permitted and to find funding without having a customer base. However, the biggest challenge was getting a commitment from DEP on whether they will support the Town developing a new surface water supply.

### **Approval of Minutes**

12/5/2017

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Tabled

### **Next Meeting**

March 13, 2018 @ 5:30PM

Hearing no further discussion, Mr. Parliment asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Brooks moved to adjourn meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:35PM

Respectfully submitted:

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