

Moose Hill Water Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of August 26, 2013

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

In Attendance: Michael Knox

Meeting called to order at 6PM

New Business

- DCR Contact/Dam Inspection

The information regarding the Department of Conservation & Recreation contacts were emailed to Commissioners as requested.

Mr. Brooks informed the Board that he tried contacting the DCR contacts and had not gotten a return call from any he tried. He then contacted Senator Moore for help and the Senator told him he will check into it and get back to him.

Mr. Brooks also informed the Commissioners that he had asked Jim DiCentes if he would bring him up in his plane to do a fly over of the Moose Hill Reservoir Water Shed, so he could film the Reservoir Water Shed property and once completed, he will put it on LCAC at least once a month for exposure, so people can get familiar with Moose Hill Reservoir.

His suggestion was designing a presentation around how the CVRW Districts did their presentation and noting ideas on how Moose Hill can be utilized. He felt it would help inform people about the potential water resource that the Town of Leicester has just sitting up in the northwest end of Town doing nothing.

Mr. Wicklund said he had reviewed some of the past meeting minutes and some of the previous studies done and he kept reading concerns about the Interbasin Transfer Act. This sounded like it will be a big hurdle. Mr. Knox agreed, because each of the Town's water districts were located in a different basin and to transfer to a different basin will need State approval.

Mr. Parliment said at a previous meeting, it was stated that we will have to go through the complete certification process, regardless, before finding out whether the Town will be able to build the reservoir. He felt that other Towns need to get involved and be part of the developing process, because this Town will not be able to do it on their own.

Mr. Parliment asked about the possibility of utilizing Spencer's Pumping Station at Shaw Pond. It seems logical because Shaw Pond tributaries flow right into Moose Hill. Then maybe both Towns could join forces and regionalize.

Mr. Knox said by using Spencer's Pumping Station, you would end up double pumping at double the cost.

There was discussion on which abutting Town might be interested regionalizing. Some suggestions were; Spencer, who may be interested; Charlton would be opened for discussion, and with Paxton, they may not be interested anymore.

Mr. Knox felt the Commission would need to get a confirmed agreement from the abutting Towns first before starting any kind of campaign.

All the information the Commissioners collect, will need to show what, when and how this reservoir is important, to start with. He felt getting a commitment from the abutting Towns, would then allow the local districts to get more involved.

Mr. Knox said that a complete demographic buildout analyses, putting it to water demands, has never been done on the Route 9 West corridor and that needs to be shown in the presentation. What will be needed up there in the course of a full buildout?

Mr. Brooks suggested asking the Town Planner if CMRPC could provide that information through their Tech Assistance program the Town has.

Mr. Knox said the Commissioners will need to identify the potential water demands and to show the current and future demands, and that is done by identifying the concrete demands and the reservoir's value to the community. The Commissioners will need to convince the Town's people the need for Moose Hill Reservoir Water and that will be done through education.

Mr. Parliment suggested sending a letter of interest to the Towns of Spencer and Charlton asking if they would entertain the idea on developing a Regional Water Resource at the Moose Hill Reservoir Site. If they show an interest, then set up a meeting.

Mr. Parliment agreed to speak with the Town Planner regarding the use of CMRPC Tech Assistance hours to evaluate the potential base for Route 9 development.

Mr. Brooks said he will set up the fly over for the filming of the Reservoir.

Mr. Parliment asked for the Board Secretary to email the Town Moderator regarding the Commissioners getting an article on the Annual Town Warrant.

Approval of Minutes

- 7/29/2013

MOTION: Mr. Brooks moved to approve the minutes of 7/29/2013

SECONDED: Mr. Wicklund – Discussion: None

VOTE: All in Favor

There was some discussion regarding a date for next meeting and it was agreed to hold the next meeting on October 7, 2013 at 6PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41PM with loss of quorum.

Respectfully submitted:

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