

## **WATER DISTRICT MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2016**

**Present:** Pres/Treas: Robert J. Pelham

Commissioners: Wayne Van Valin, Karl Gonzalez, Donald Murray & One Vacancy

Secretary: Bonnie Poehmel

**Also Present:** Town Attorney Larry Gardner, John Brust Delaware Engineering & Mike Ryan,  
Windham Journal

**Absent:** Water Superintendent Tom Hoyt

The President called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2016 WATER DISTRICT MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Commissioner Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Gonzalez, with 4 in favor, one vacancy.

1.DARRIN ELSOM, KAATERSKILL ASSOCIATES: no one was present.

2.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was present. We are making good progress on the water project. Alan Tavenner says the radio connections are completed at Ski Windham. The base lodge has the controls so when the water levels go low they will get a signal. The well house behind the Town Hall is 90% complete. The filters are being filled with media, wiring is completed except for some instruments and filter controls, plans and pricing for the balance of USDA work and you may have seen some emails have been going back & forth trying to get that straightened out. We have a general agreement with Evergreen and we are trying to get an agreement with USDA. The micro management from USDA is challenging. We are waiting on the weather for restoration of paving up in Elm Ridge. Phase II the water grant that we will be able to access/secure from EFC, our plans are about 60% done and they will be submitted to EFC next week. SEQR was completed at the last town board meeting, we have a bond resolution tonight to consider archeology. It is important for us that we should complete the USDA work first before we start the EFC work. It may come down that we are doing the water lines in 2017 because we don't want to risk losing grant money by doing things too soon. We have to finish up with USDA first. The taste of the water is much better. The lines up here going back & forth with USDA, and the amount of micromanagement we have been having to dealing with will probably carry forward even when the work is done as we close out the project. If we go too fast with USDA they will re-evaluate the grant that they gave us because now we have additional grant money that was not factored into their initial discussion. Councilman Murray did a webinar with the State yesterday on the EFC Funding and you can watch it on u-tube. Have we met that \$2 million threshold. Drinking water was \$2 million we could only get up to \$2 million after 5 years in a 5 year span 2011-2016. And you can only make up 30% of the project. We will be over that. Some of it was hardship that was not equated in. There is supposed to be a release of another \$75 million by the State for the 2017-2018 season, we have till April 15th. John knows that they are not telling communities about this \$75 million that is available. John will look more into this. We still lack storage.

3.WATER SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Tom Hoyt was not present.

4.WATER DISTRICT RESOLUTION #6 OF 2016: to authorize the Supervisor to take one half of the total amount of \$11,841.95 and transfer this amount to the Water Improvement Acct to be used for improvements in the Water District, **copy attached.**

WATER DISTRICT RESOLUTION #7 OF 2016: a last minute resolution sent over from the Bond Attorney to be approved. The Supervisor and Town Board need more time to review. A copy of this resolution was given to Larry Gardner for review. There is some language that will need to be corrected. Resolution will be **tabled** on a motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Murray, with 4 in favor, one vacancy.

WATER DISTRICT WARRANT #2 contained vouchers #10-16, totaling \$2,528.75 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Commissioner Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one vacancy.

WATER DISTRICT PAYROLL WARRANT #3-P (printed 2/05/16) contained 2 claims, totaling \$657.95 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Commissioner Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one vacancy.

WATER DISTRICT PAYROLL WARRANT #4-P (printed 2/19/16) contained 1 claim, totaling \$60.75 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Commissioner Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Murray, with 4 in favor, one vacancy.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Gonzalez, with 4 in favor, one vacancy.

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