

Grand Isle Consolidated Water District

Minutes of Regular Meeting May 9, 2018

Present at meeting: Commissioners Michael Inners, Janine Banks, Lynda Morgan-Gardiner (arrived just as Operator's Report began), Judi Reposa, David Borthwick-Leslie, Shannon Bundy and SOS Operator Warren Steadman and members David Banks and Elizabeth Scott. Commissioner Andy Phypers was not in attendance.

Michael Inners opened the meeting at 7:00PM. It was held at the Ed Weed Fish Hatchery in Grand Isle, VT.

Additions to the Agenda

None

Review of Meeting Minutes

- 1) Shannon motioned to approve the April 11, 2018 meeting minutes and Judi seconded the motion. All five Commissioners were in favor and the motion passed.

Questions from User's

- 1) New Connection - 122 East Shore South. Residential, single family, 3 bedroom. No concerns from Warren. Shannon motioned to approve the connection agreement and Judi seconded the motion. All six Commissioners were in favor and the motion passed.
- 2) New Connection – 1 Village Court. Last one in Westside Village. Shannon motioned to approve the connection agreement and Judi seconded the motion. All six Commissioners were in favor and the motion passed.
- 3) New Connection – 21 Star Rd. Last pre-installed service line. With check. Single family, 2 bedroom. Shannon motioned to approve the connection agreement and Lynda seconded the motion. All six Commissioners were in favor and the motion passed.
- 4) Guest arrived. Elizabeth Scott 550 West Shore Rd. So. Hero. She paid \$1500 to hook up years ago. The line runs to the curb stop but she never hooked on. She has been paying debt service all these years, as per our Ordinance. She has a well and she is not sure if she wants to keep paying debt service and remain a member or if she wants to give up her membership. Is her decision.

Operator's Report

SOS's full report is attached to these minutes, discussion ensued on a few items.

- 1) Lots of leaking meters. When it was really cold, seasonal use meters not removed were affected and needed retightening. Some frost plates froze and had to be replaced and in these instances a service call was charged and will be added to the bill. (Negligence requiring a service call gets a charge.)
- 2) Warren & Joe presented proposed service call charges under different situations. Will be put in our Policy list as of today.
- 3) #9 on report. Warren was pleased he was able to pinpoint the leak for the customer.
- 4) There are five locations that still need valve bolts replaced and this is in the works.
- 5) A member in Champlain Estates wants to run a line over to Donaldson Rd. but needs another connection to do it as they are building a duplex. A duplex is two living units, so two connection agreements are needed.

Engineer's Report

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

No formal report. Warren wants to add another line to the budget sheet, under Distribution, and call it "Unanticipated Project Expenses." He will have Melissa change her P&L sheet too.

Old Business

- 1) AT&T wants to rent Lovers Lane Tank – Letter from them is attached to these minutes for reference. Warren has concerns about where our water pipes are and that there is not too much room. They want to put up a building, have a propane tank, generator, etc. Warren is hesitant but is willing to see their proposal. Discussion ensued. Consensus was to have them meet with SOS at the site, submit a proposal, have GME review the proposal at their cost, and we will decide from there. They may find the site too small themselves.
- 2) Open House at Plant before the June meeting – Invite Islander, ex commissioners, Dick Maza, Mitzi Johnson, GME, Negle & Chase – Rob Higgins, Select Board, Ray Solomon, Lake Champlain Basin Program (Eric Howe). There will be a table with test results, lab equip, etc. and a few munchies provided by the Board.

New Business

None

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:06PM by Lynda and seconded by Judi. All Commissioners were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janine Banks
GICWD Clerk

Date: _____



SIMON OPERATION SERVICES, INC.

May 9, 2018

Mr. Michael Inners
Grand Isle Consolidated Water District
Grand Isle, Vermont 05458

Dear Michael,

Enclosed please find the following reports and activities for the water treatment facility for the month of April 2018.

1. Monthly Activities Report
2. Vermont Water System Operations Report

If you have any questions regarding this information please feel free to call us toll free at 1-888 SOS -1885.

Sincerely,

Warren Steadman
Joe Danis

cc: Facility copy

143 S. Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05676 1-888-767-18

**GRAND ISLE CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT
MONTHLY ACTIVITIES REPORT
APRIL 2018**

A: ACTIVITIES COMPLETED

1. Two samples were taken for coliform testing. Both samples were absent. Monthly backwash data was taken and the monthly report sent to the Watershed Management Division. The monthly Water Operations report was sent to the Water and Groundwater Protection Division
2. The curbstop was replaced at 300 US Route 2. The old curbstop was damaged while the contractor was replacing the original service line. (The home is undergoing extensive renovations.)
3. A new 2 inch line was installed under Allen Road to replace an old service line that did not meet current District standards. The new line serves 120 and 122 Allen Road.
4. Seasonal meters that SOS maintains have been installed.
5. A leaking water meter was repaired at the Sister of Mercy cottage on Robinson Point.
6. A leaking water meter was repaired at Ladd Landing Marina.
7. A new meter and meter assembly was installed at 3 Drawbridge Lane after the new owner discarded the old meter while remodeling the cottage. (He has been billed for the meter and meter assembly)
8. A leaking meter was repaired at 5 Drawbridge Lane.
9. The owner at 2 Sandy Cove called about a wet spot outside his garage where his service line runs. SOS determined that there was a leak in the line. The owner called ECI who dug near the mound where they rerouted the service line to avoid the mound. After finding no leak there they dug where SOS recommended and found a leaking fitting.
10. SOS witnessed the tap for 35 Faywood.
11. The leaking meter at 39 Faywood Road was repaired.

B. ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

1. LT-2 raw water samples are being submitted every two weeks.
2. We have been discussing with the new owners of the property at the corner of Town Line Road and East Shore South. That property is already a member and does not need a connection account. However, they requested an allocation (Required for a waste water permit) which was sent to them. As they are going to build a six bedroom residence and it will be over 200 feet from the road, GME was contacted to confirm the size of the service.
3. A permit from V-Trans for digging and replacing valve bolts has been applied for.

C. ACTIVITIES PLANNED OR NEEDED.

1. The antenna for the Lover's Lane to Plant communication system is to be raised from the Bell Hill building to the power pole.
2. A new permit is being applied for from V-Trans for digging and replacing valve bolts.
3. Dead end distribution lines will be flushed in May.

D. BILLINGS AND COLLECTIONS

1. Accounts receivable as of May 4, 2018 was \$36,918.41
2. Second notices were sent out May 4, 2018
3. One lien was put on in April and one lien was released after payment.

May 4, 2018

Grand Isle Consolidated Water District
Michael Inners, Chairman
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RE: Proposal to Lease Property at Lovers Lane, Grand Isle, VT

Dear Chairman Inners and Commissioners:

I am a network development consultant to AT&T Wireless (“AT&T”). AT&T is an FCC-licensed provider of wireless telecommunications services to the general public in the state of Vermont. The District property on Lovers Lane in Grand Isle has been identified as a potential host for an AT&T facility and for incorporation into the FirstNet network.

The proposed facility would involve the placement of ground equipment and the construction of a tower in a mutually agreeable location on the property, subject to approval by you as landlords as well as all state and local authorities having jurisdiction. Along with the agreed-to monthly lease payments, AT&T would be responsible for all the costs of zoning, permitting, construction and utility consumption connected with its facility.

FirstNet was conceived initially upon the recommendation of the 9/11 Commission to create a nationwide, interoperable network for first responders featuring prioritization and preemption. In 2016, the Federal government issued a Request for Proposals to construct and implement the FirstNet network and AT&T was awarded the projects. Prioritization and preemption mean, essentially, that during an emergency, first responders will have uninterrupted access to the network so that they can communicate quickly and effectively without interference from traffic consisting of understandably concerned civilians trying to contact each other or obtain information.

AT&T and FirstNet have spent several months to date working with the State of Vermont – the Governor, the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee, the Department of Public Safety, and others – to develop a plan that will cover the vast majority of people and roads in Vermont, creating an unrivaled, state-of-the-art public safety network. Because of this collaboration, AT&T and FirstNet have agreed to construct several new wireless sites throughout Vermont within the next 5 years (if not sooner). A tower on the District property can be part of that buildout. Not only will each new site provide critical interoperability for local first responders, but the site will also provide 4G LTE coverage for the surrounding area. One of the biggest advantages this site offers is that AT&T is contractually obligated to build it – local residents are going to see enhanced coverage in this area soon, assuming AT&T can contract with a willing landlord, and that we receive the requisite regulatory approvals.

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May 4, 2018*

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A radio frequency analysis of the existing ambient AT&T network and the needs of both AT&T and FirstNet has resulted in a determination that a facility with a height of approximately 100 feet would be the minimum required infrastructure at the Lovers Lane location. As the water tank existing on the property is well below this minimum height it would be impractical to install any infrastructure atop the tank. As an added feature of this proposal, however, the District would have the option to relocate any equipment currently affixed to the tank onto the new tower. This would allow for the concentration of all carriers into a secured facility compound separate from the water tank power, providing more flexibility for tank maintenance as well as addressing any potential security and access concerns.

If you believe you may be interested in leasing space to AT&T and FirstNet, or if you have questions, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me at (413) 237-1550 or by email at sbrighenti@clinellc.com.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this proposal.

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