

Grand Isle Consolidated Water District

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 10, 2018

Present at meeting: Commissioners Michael Inners, Janine Banks, Lynda Morgan-Gardiner, David Borthwick-Leslie and Shannon Bundy, Alan Huizenga and Brad Washburn from Green Mountain Engineering, SOS Operators Warren Steadman and Joe Danis and members David Banks, Christine Coe and Judi Reposa. Commissioner Andy Pypers, was not present (sent email warning of his absence).

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 December 13, 2017 Annual meeting minutes and Lynda seconded the motion.
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Commissioners were in favor and the motion passed with David Borthwick-Leslie abstaining.
- 2) Janine motioned to approve the December 13, 2017 Regular meeting minutes and Lynda seconded the motion.
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Commissioners were in favor and the motion passed with David Borthwick-Leslie abstaining.

Questions from User's

- 1) Christine Coe has been without water for a week. May have a frozen or collapsed 1" distribution line. It is the old black plastic pipe that does not meet our requirements. \$3000 spent so far trying to find the issue. She has incurred a loss of about \$700, including missed work, because of this issue. She stated she is looking for a plan so she knows there is an end in sight and said she would not need a temporary water line run to her if we were repairing the line Friday and she would have potable water as soon as a sample passed the Total Coliform test which will be submitted to the state Monday morning. Warren estimates \$4500 more to dig up and replace the line. After discussion, Shannon made a motion to authorize SOS to dig and replace the old line Friday with a new one and Lynda seconded it. All Commissioners were in favor and the motion passed.

Operator's Report

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

- 1) Lots of calls about cold weather and frozen pipes and requests for assistance which we do not offer as SOS is not qualified to thaw and replace homeowners' pipes.
- 2) Shannon asked about the situation of the rupture discs and the depressurization of the GAC caused by the Kinetico filters backwashing. Warren says there seems to be no problem being created, so they will continue to monitor it.

Engineer's Report

- 1) The draft Capacity Study report was presented by Brad Washburn from GME. It appears we have quite a bit more capacity available to request in the new operating permit. We need to consider if we are willing to accept the responsibility associated with such a large capacity increase. Discuss as old business at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Andy was not present but Michael gave a summary.

- 1) Expenses were less than budgeted by a small amount. Income was higher than 2016 by about \$20,000. These are unadjusted numbers, but still, the overall picture is good. Warren pointed out that monies for projects not completed or not needed in 2017 (master meters that were not replaced, bolt replacements not done and GAC replacement carbon not purchased) is still in the 2017 budget and may be needed in 2018 for those items.

Old Business

None

New Business

- 1) Filling the open Commissioner position. Judith Reposa is here to volunteer to fill Julia Small's vacated 3 year position. Janine made a motion to appoint Judi Reposa to the open three year term of Water Commissioner and David seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed. Reposajudi@gmail.com 363-1781.
- 2) Setting 2018 Rates. Warren still needs to figure the exact number of base & debts. Debt will go down about \$2. Divide debt by final #of debt accounts and the charge will be approximately \$100 per quarter. Plan is to leave the base and usage rates the same as last year. Janine made a motion to accept these rates and Judi seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- 3) Michael reported that installation of the Green Line (north to south line under Lake Champlain) has been cancelled.

Executive Session

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue at 8:45PM. The session ended at 8:58PM.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:33PM by Shannon and seconded by Lynda. All Commissioners were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janine Banks
GICWD Clerk

Date: _____



SIMON OPERATION SERVICES, INC.

January 10, 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 December 2017.

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

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

Sincerely,

Mark

Mark Simon

cc: Facility copy 143 S. Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05676 1-888-767-18

**GRAND ISLE CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT
MONTHLY ACTIVITIES REPORT
DECEMBER 2017**

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. Quarterly meter readings were taken. A number of meter issues where usage was estimated. Letters have been sent out requesting they contact us to schedule service calls.
3. One of the letters concerned high usage. They are currently being charged two debts and two base rates as they have an apartment in the building. The owners feel that their tenants are using an excessive amount of water and asked if a meter could be installed to the apartment. We suggested that they purchase a meter from the district and have a plumber install it after the districts meter where the water enters the apartment. They can then read the meter on their own and it will not affect the districts readings or billing.
4. All main distribution lines have been flushed.
5. The new connection at 8 robinson Point has been made, inspected and the water turned on.
6. The curbstop at 26 Robinson point was dug and replaced by Santor Construction after it failed to close completely.
7. Turned water off at 253 US 2 while a leak in the home was repaired.
8. Turned water off at 1 Drawbridge Lane after pipes froze and burst. This is a seasonal home and the water will remain off until spring.

B. ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

1. LT-2 raw water samples are being submitted every two weeks. So far there have been no e-coli detected.
2. Winter operating levels for the Bell Hill tank are now in effect. They have been lowered to prevent ice buildup.

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. V-Trans has requested that we wait until next spring to continue with valve repairs. (Weather related)
3. Media levels in the Kinetico filters will be checked.