

Meeting Minutes 12/15/03

Present: Ed Melanson, Harvey Nasuti, Tim Walsh, Gregg Linde, John Olivieri and Ellen Friedman. Paul Anderson was present for the first part of the meeting.

Meeting began with Paul Anderson in attendance to present info that had been requested last week. (A letter had been hand-delivered to both the Water Dept. and the Highway Dept. requesting list of expenditures for the past three years, revenues and grants received and anticipated expenses over \$5K for the next 5 years). He asked questions about whether or not another vote had to take place at town meeting if the legislature approves a DPW formation tomorrow or if the DPW approval will be a ballot vote. Ed clarified the potential chain of events.

Harvey went on to further explain why a DPW would make sense from a managerial point of view as well as a consolidation point of view.

Paul agreed that by hiring outside contractors to do work (i.e. to fix water main breaks), a lot of money is spent.

Ed further went on to explain that we were still trying to answer some of the financial questions that had been raised and that we requested info from the Highway Dept. as well. Butch's delivery of info was delayed due to the snowstorms.

Paul had with him some information, but not all that we had asked for. The Master Plan was from 1992. Paul indicated that it had not been followed completely but that much of it had been. When asked how far out it projected, he said 2015. He said he has a meeting coming up with Gary McCarthy from Dufresne-Henry in which he will let them know which projects he has to tackle in the immediate future. He said that he should be able to have some rough numbers about these projected expenses by our January 5, 2004 meeting. He also indicated that if the new well comes on line, there would be another water rate increase.

Paul is going to provide us with the planning section from the Master Plan from 1992. He said he feels that a plan is not necessary, and that someone should be able to look at the water system to know what is needed.

After Paul left we had a discussion about a P/R campaign and open forums. Gregg proposed the following things be highlighted in any P/R we do:

- Public Safety
- Fiscal responsibility
- Long-term planning

It was felt that these things would capture people's attention. Ideally we would like to have 4-5 open forums and start in February. More discussion will follow.

Our ultimate goal is to draft bylaws for the new structure.