



Town of Shelburne, Vermont

Minutes

Water Commission

September 6, 2016 at 5PM

Shelburne Town Office, 5420 Shelburne Road, Meeting Room 2

1. **Call to Order** – John Schold called the meeting to order at 5pm.
2. ***Consider Approval of the Agenda** – Motion by Steve Smith, Seconded by Mike Regan, Passed 4-0 (Mike Abrams absent). Agenda approved with correction of date in item 3.
3. ***Consider Approving the Water Commission Minutes of June 6**, Motion by Pete Gadue, Seconded by John Schold, Passed 3-0 (Mike Regan abstained) **June 28**, Motion by John Schold, Seconded by Mike Regan, Passed 4-0, **and July 12 2016** Motion by John Schold, Seconded by Mike Regan, Passed 4-0.
4. **Citizen Participation and Public Comments** – Bill Deming said that he is a locksmith for Wake Robin. Deming said he is concerned about the water tank coming up as an issue at a DRB meeting for Wake Robin. He said he spoke to Water Superintendent, Rick Lewis, who explained to him that the issue is fire protection. Deming said it doesn't seem likely there will be a fire at the same time as a tank failure and feels there is hardball business going on between the Water Commission and Wake Robin.
5. ***Discuss Spear Street Line, Estimates, Bid Documents and Consider Scheduling a Special Town Meeting on November 9 for Voters to Consider an Estimated \$500,000 Bond to Replace the Spear Street Water Line** – Rick Lewis reported that he is already applying for a permit for this project. Lewis said we have the option of spending \$150,000 that already has voter approval now and could take care of the three worst spots right away. Lewis said that this could all be rolled into one bid package. Mike Regan said he felt that the project should be done as a whole after a bond vote. Commissioners also discussed the idea of creating a special assessment district to recoup some costs. Director of Finance, Peter Frankenberg, said that the project will raise rates by 4% to 5%. Pete Gadue said that Champlain Water District's impending raise in rates will also cause a 3% increase. Lewis also noted that if South Burlington has breaks on Spear Street, Shelburne residents on the Spear Street line will still experience water outages. Staff discussed this with South Burlington's City Manager and Public Works Director, and they will allow the Town to hook on to the South Village development for back-up water. This will add \$80K to \$100K to the project. Lewis said it can go in the same bid package. *Motion by Steve Smith to consider scheduling a Special Town Meeting on November 9 for voters to consider an estimated \$500,000 bond to replace the Spear Street Water Line, Seconded by Mike Regan, Passed 4-0.*
6. **Discuss Capital Improvement Plan** – Town Manager, Joe Colangelo, pointed out that the Radio Read Upgrade item is new. Lewis said it saves time and works well. There are already 28 in Shelburnewood. The units would replace the current touch pads. Pete Gadue said he would want to know how accurate they are. Mike Regan asked what the cost savings would be. Colangelo said it would save on hiring new operators as the system expands. Regan said he felt there should be savings somewhere else to pay for it. Colangelo said to consider leaving it in for now because it won't go into the budget without further discussion.

7. **Finance Director's Report** - None
8. **Water Superintendent's Report** – Two breaks on the Route 7 line
9. **Town Manager's Report** - None
10. **Commissioner Concerns** – Pete Gadue asked if Commissioners could see the amount of unaccountable water. Frankenberg and Lewis said they were working on this, but it is estimated to be around 2%.
11. **Sign Accounts Payable Warrants**
12. **Adjourn** – John Schold moved to adjourn, Seconded by Mike Regan. Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.

* Decision Item

- Times allotted to each agenda item are approximate and may vary depending on the discussion.

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