

# Tri-Town Water District No. 1

## Commission Meeting

### December 19, 2024

Chairman Darwin Pratt called meeting to order at 6:06pm.

Commissioners present were: Steve Kayhart, Adam Thomann, Drexel Wheeler, Ernest Audet, Lance Wood, and Scott Douglas.

Also present were: Dwayne Roberts, Tricia Gordon and Katie Shimel from Tri-Town Water.

A motion was made by Steve Kayhart, and seconded by Ernest Audet to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2024 meeting. The motion passed.

Jonathan (Rizzo) Wieman on Still Meadow Lane in Addison was present to discuss issues with the easements. Rizzo is asking to tap on to VT RT 17W to run a line down Still Meadow Lane. At last month's meeting Rizzo was to obtain an opinion of his lawyer to approve the deeds/easements; this was sent to Tri-Town Water this afternoon by Rizzo, therefore not enough time for the board to make a decision without the opinion of TTW's lawyer. Some questions still unanswered; where is the pit going, Rizzo would like it adjacent to Jeff Nelson's property. Rizzo states he has a legal right to put the pit there because of the deed that specifically states it is for utilities. The board discussed that if our lawyer agrees/okays the opinion and as to where the pit can legally be placed the approval can be made at a Tuesday special meeting in order to approve the tap on before the next board meeting. It was also mentioned that Addison owns a piece of land there and does Rizzo need approval from the town? No motion was made at this time.

Tricia Gordon reported on Delinquent Account list; the final notice is being hung for the shut off date of 12/23/24. Some payments have been applied.

Robert Clark from Otter Creek Engineering was present to discuss the East Street Pressure Issues. We have a customer in attendance with very low pressure on High Street in Bridport, he has a ¾" tap on-he wants to know what Tri-Town Water does to decide on a tap on approval. TTW's procedures are to follow the guidelines the state requires us to do and currently no tap ons are approved in the East Street area until the issues are resolved. The customer is concerned with other customers on High Street always experiencing issues and would like to know why/what/when TTW is going to do to resolve.

Robert discussed with the board pressure maps showing some pressures for other customers at that elevation; when the Whitford pump station is running pressures are fine, when it's not they drop below minimum. Many suggestions were discussed; possible leak on the High Street line-walk the line to find possible leak. Robert states that there is a lot of friction drop that shouldn't be there. Other ideas; put a pit at the bottom of high street to see what the flow is up to that line. TTW explained to the customer that we will work on the issue until a solution is found. The customer will plan to attend next month's meeting and would like to see a plan. In the mean time TTW will put pressure recorders at the customers house and possibly a couple other customers on high street to start.

Further discussion with Robert about his thoughts on East Street pressure issues, mentioning pressures are all over the place. East Street consistently has a problem. Robert stating he is unable to figure it out but feels the consistent draw is the problem. It could be a possible leak cutting down the pressure. He is unsure if a pump station is going to fix all the problems based on how much use is happening. Feeling it is an elevation issue. Possibly a pump station on Town Line Road boosting up East Street would help but that would have to be dead-ended by 22A. He feels maybe because the

line is undersized-suggestion to replace all 2" line with 4" line maybe will help see a change in pressures. A new pump station would cost over half a million with no federal money for projects as such; although feeling some investments are going to have to be made. Robert will come back next month with a written recommendation regarding the East Street pressure issues.

Superintendent's report:

Leaks repaired on Mountain Rd-Addison at the intersection of Whitford Rd and Mountain Rd, 4 in to a 2 in line. The valve needed to be replaced. Dwayne was unaware of the 2 in line in that area. Another leak at the Shoreham church was repaired after finding where the shut off valve was located. Two other leaks repaired; one on Lake Street and one on Rattlen Bridge Rd-Bridport.

A tap on for Gerald Grant on Town House Rd-Addison was completed. There is one door left to be replaced at the water plant. All the heaters are fixed and up & running.

(150) ¾" meters came in today; as well as (12) 1" meters. Darwin reported that we have 564 drive-by meters and that Jeromy has done 160 as of date.

Dwayne switched the waste ponds over a month ago, one was dug this summer. The top pond will need to be dug next summer. Oliver Howe Court-Shoreham has been experiencing some dirty water; samples will be taken to Endyne Inc to see/show that the water is indeed safe as it is always treated water. Lance Wood did speak with the customer and they will be putting in a filter system in hopes that helps. It was brought up that the chemicals are very costly and maybe put some bids out to obtain other quotes to get best prices. Dwayne mentions that all chemicals are not the same and could affect the water and samples-maybe something to look into.

Darwin states that one of our CD's is coming up for renewal at a slightly lower interest rate. Darwin did call some other banks and all rates were lower. Board decided to go with the same bank at a 4.01% rate; Drexel Wheeler made the motion; seconded by Lance Wood. The motion passed.

Steve Kayhart made a motion to table the personnel item until the next meeting and that if anything is decided it shall be retro as of the beginning of the year; seconded by Ernie Audet.

There being no further business, Chairman Pratt adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Kindest Regards,

*Tricia Gordon*—Tricia Gordon-Clerk/Office Manager