

Tri-Town Water District No. 1

Commission Meeting

June 15, 2023

Chairman Darwin Pratt called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Commissioners present were: Steve Kayhart, Larry Blacklock, Larry Simino, Ed James, Lance Wood, Ernie Audet and Drexel Wheeler.

Also present were: Mark Pumiglia, Tricia Gordon and Mitchell Gallison from Tri-Town Water.

A motion was made by Larry Simino, and seconded by Steve Kayhart to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2023 meeting as presented. The motion passed.

A Tap-On application was presented for Dutch Lavallee on VT RTE 22A in Addison for a ¾" tap-on. This is a 6 acre vacant lot currently owned by Judy Lewis (seller) which a new 2 bedroom single family home will be constructed. A motion was made by Steve Kayhart and seconded by Drexel Wheeler to approve the Tap-On application. The motion passed.

A discussion regarding lawyer options as Jim Foley our current attorney is retiring. It was decided upon to think on it, call around to see who's accepting new clients and the consensus was to stay with a local Middlebury option.

A disgruntle customer argument was brought to the boards attention regarding a service call fee and work done to said customer's water meter. The board discussed and decided to send a copy of Tri-Town Water's Rules & Regulations along with the invoice for the completed work to the customer.

Robert Clark from Otter Creek Engineering (O.C.E.) was present to discuss/update the board on the Lead & Copper Rule project. The loan application for grant money from the state for the project has been completed and just needs to be submitted to proceed. The tablet and necessary equipment has been ordered and training will start June 26th by O.C.E. for employee's learning to record the appropriate information needed. Robert explained that everyone's time can be recorded; mileage, office clerk time, water operator time spent in field etc and that the state will need to be informed of this information in order to benefit from the grant money. It was explained that the program and mapping that will be used will give Tri-Town Water access to all mapping of the water system lines and services for future use. It was determined that one operator will be appointed the job of going into each house and recording the service line information. The deadline for this project is October of 2024.

Tricia Gordon updated the board on the short delinquent account list and explained that there is still low income housing opportunities available for assistance through the state of VT.

A brief discussion regarding EJP meters learning that currently none are available per Rob from EJP. There is a meeting scheduled to set up and install software at the office. Mitchell explained that we have no more meters available and that the meter repair list is continually growing without the necessary amount of meters on hand. It was suggested to search around for other meter vendors and/or a different meter brand to see if any are available elsewhere. Due to the lack of meters, the software installation will be questioned at that scheduled meeting with the EJP reps.

Mitchell Gallison reported that the Barnes Bros farm on Lake Street in Shoreham is experiencing low pressure and requested help from Robert Clark from O.C.E. in resolving/finding the issue. It was suggested by Robert to cap off line to do pressure tests to determine where the possibly leak may be

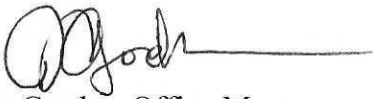
as well as cutting pipe and putting saddles on to figure out which side is leaking. Per the board it is important that Tri-Town spend time and attention in resolving the customer's issue as soon as possible. Robert also offered the use of pressure gages this summer in determining where leaks/high usages are occurring.

There being no further business, Chairman Pratt adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Respectively submitted,



Mark A. Pumiglia-Clerk/Treasurer



Tricia Gordon-Office Manager