

# WILTON WATER WORKS

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015

## DRAFT MINUTES

**Wilton Water Works** held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 6:30PM in the Town Hall Courtroom. Persons present were Commissioners Bill Condra (Selectman) and Steve Elliott, incoming commissioner Frank Edelblut, outgoing commissioner Tom Schultz; water superintendent Mike Bergeron; Selectmen Kermit Williams and Rick Swanson (Chairman); Clerk Joanna K Eckstrom; and Jeff McClure and Sam Kenney from Weston and Samson. The agenda follows:

1. Call to order – WWW Chairman-elect, Bill Condra, called meeting to order at 6:33 PM.
2. Public Input / Comment – former WWW Chairman Tom Schultz thanked all for allowing him to serve on the WWW for past several years and wished all well for the future.
3. Frank Edelblut was officially welcomed as newest WWW commissioner. On a motion by Steve Elliott, seconded by Frank Edelblut, Mr Condra was elected WWW Chairman for the coming year by unanimous vote.
4. Minutes of February 26, 2015 – on a motion by Mr Elliott, seconded by Mr Condra, the minutes of Feb. 26 were approved 2 Y / 1 A (Edelblut)
5. A/R and A/P at 2/28/15 – no reports were available. Mr. Edelblut offered to work with Ms. Farrell and Ms Atwood on getting reports that are more relevant to WWW needs. Ms. Eckstrom will distribute recent and future reports to ALL commissioners as she receives them from Pam.
6. Superintendent's report – Mike Bergeron said that Abbott well is in good shape – working efficiently since upgrades.

Mike reported water line freezing on Seagroves Road (Jensen's) that needed a jackhammer and steamer to free up. (Question was asked if it might be appropriate to buy steamer – Mr Elliott will look into this via Highway Department.

Meter installations are on-going.

Mike reported that he'd received licensure for back-flow testing ... this can now be done in-house. He may test devices but an outside contractor must do repairs if device fails.. Mike will draft policy for back flow testing and will present at April meeting.

The WWW truck 'died' recently. WWW needs to consider replacing it in near future.

A question was asked about accounting fees for WWW – this will be looked into.

The 'level of service' statement requested by state will be taken up in Weston and Sampson's presentation.

7. Review concept drawing for dam (Eric Teale report) – Clerk to forward this report to ALL selectmen as soon as possible.
8. Review Emery & Garrett report Quinn Reclamation – Report to be forwarded to ALL commissioners and selectmen as soon as possible.
9. Presentation: Jeff McClure, Sam Kenney of Weston & Sampson, GIS / asset management project Powerpoint presentation to WWW and Selectmen as required by State to comply with asset management grant protocol. The presentation was well-received ... questions answered ... W&S had suggested language for the level of service statement which was slightly modified – on a motion by Mr Elliott, seconded by Mr. Condra, the WWW commissioners voted unanimously that “the level of service statement determined by the town (WWW) is WWW is dedicated to providing safe, clean, potable drinking water to its customers that is reliable and meets and exceeds State and Federal regulations. It provides drinking water 24 / 7 and fire protection while maintaining an equitable water rate.”
10. Other – it was noted that the Kinder-Morgan pipeline going through Greenville may need blasting – WWW and Selectmen will go on record of the pipeline’s proximity to the wells and need to ensure no damage occurs.

Previously, questions had been raised about changing frequency of meter reading and bills to twice a year. Mike reports that according to the State, meter-reading must be done four times a year, especially because of services below a 500 foot radius of the Abbot well. There is a new mandate related to this and further questions raised about validity of ‘unfunded’ mandates. Mistery Edelblut and Williams will explore this further.

Information on specifics of Quinn property purchase reserve accounts to be sought from former WWW, Betsy Castro, etc.
11. Next meeting: April 23, 2015

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna K Eckstrom, Clerk