

**WILTON WATER WORKS
MONTHLY MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2016 @ 6:30PM
TOWN HALL COURTROOM**

DRAFT Minutes CORRECTED/APPROVED 7/27/16

1 WILTON WATER WORKS held its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 30, 2016
2 in the Town Hall Courtroom at 6:30PM. Present were Commissioners Steve
3 Elliott Chairman, Frank Edelblut and Kermit Williams; Superintendent Mike
4 Bergeron; Clerk Joanna K Eckstrom; customer Joan Lemire.

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6 The following agenda was addressed:

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- 8 • **Call to order:** Chairman Elliott called meeting to order at 6:38PM.
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 - 10 • **Joan Lemire** addressed Commission with questions and possible credits
11 on her water bills. She presented two letters – one for 33 Main Street
12 property and one for 10 Main Street property. 33 Main Street building
13 houses her real estate office and C&S Pizza which has been vacant since
14 September 2015. She's charged for one water service at real estate office
15 and three water services at C&S even though vacant. She feels that she
16 should be charged for one service at C&S and one at real estate office.

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18 Questions were raised about how/why (and for how long) has she been
19 charged for three water services in restaurant. Also question about
20 whether WWW has different base charge for commercial vs residential
21 properties. The best that could be determined (as Joan recapped from an
22 old conversation with Charlie McGettigan – a former commissioner) is
23 that number of base units for restaurants is determined by number of
24 seats. (Note that former Roam Café had more than one water base unit.)

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26 The former C&S Pizza is for rent; Joan has no clue how it will be used
27 when rented again. If another restaurant, water works can decide how to
28 bill for water service but as unit has been vacant since Sept. 2015, she'd
29 like credit and only be billed for one unit in C&S part. She admitted she
30 should have approached commission last fall but hopes that WWW will
31 respond to her request favorably.

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33 With respect to 10 Main Street, one unit is being rented to Skybridge Café;
34 recently Skybridge expanded into an adjacent unit. As this is now two
35 units to same business, Joan would like only one base charge for water.

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37 After much discussion, commissioners are taking requests under
38 advisement until they can find some written documentation or other
39 information that explains how commercial properties, particularly
40 restaurants are billed for water. Mike Bergeron will look through old
41 WWW reports and also check with towns similar to Wilton for info. Ms
42 Eckstrom thought she recalled seeing a break down / explanation in old
43 water works material – she will also research. If none is found,

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44 commissioners will develop protocol for commercial (and industrial) vs
45 residential rates.

46 Joan was asked to come to next meetings as issue is researched
47 and resolved. In the meantime, she is up to date on bills. New water bill
48 is imminent - likely to be same as before. WWW will be fair about
49 imposing late penalty while resolution is pending.

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51 • **Public Input and comment:** - None

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53 • **Minutes from May 26, 2016** – a motion by Frank Edelblut, seconded by
54 Kermit Williams to approve the minutes as written was unanimously voted.

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56 In follow up to the minutes, Mike reported that he had visited Bonnie
57 Groves at Eastview and done a meter reading and evaluation of water
58 use. Meter readings indicated that 97K gallons was used in a three month
59 period. The meter readings have been verified; and there's no problem
60 with the meter. There are several spots in the condo where water is
61 leaking. Mike advised customer to hire a plumber and gave her names of
62 several who could do the repairs.

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64 • **Accounts Payable** report was reviewed and found to be in order. There
65 was brief discussion on collections (special projects) per Caitlin's inquiry.
66 **Paul** Jadis is 'on hold' for the moment – Jane may follow up on this.

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68 • **Accounts Receivable** – (tax collector report) – reviewed and in order.

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70 • **Reserve Account status (from T of TF)** – info from David Miller shared
71 with commissioners via e-mail – fund balances through May 31 have been
72 provided. Name change has been completed. Regarding re-investment
73 schedule on Quinn land acquisition reserve, soonest money might be
74 needed is three years; estimated that lease was for 20 years.

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76 There was discussion about whether Quinn lot or dam site might be used
77 for solar panels. Also question of value of Quinn lot. Per Wilton Assessor
78 (Todd Haywood), value is \$327K – reserve has more than \$600K. WWW
79 will seek independent appraisal of land value. Further discussion of land
80 acquisition will be on July meeting agenda.

81 • **Superintendent's Report – Mike Bergeron**

82 Mike reported that DES tested Monadnock Water for PFOA and none
83 found. He will get copy of report from DES so that this info can be on
84 WWW website (and included in next water quality report).

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85 Emery & Garrett – update – Mike has been in touch with Dan Tinkham.
86 Dan is revising well testing protocol and a new agreement is pending.

87 There was a water line break at end of Maple Street that needed repair.

88 The generator was serviced at \$485 – Ms Eckstrom thought we had
89 contract for this at \$300 – she will research.

90 Services on Robbins Road have been marked.

91 RPZ at ball field has been replaced – all are very pleased with output to
92 water the field.

93 Curb stop at 94 dale Street was fixed.

94 Weed whacking is done; Mike expects to flush hydrants in July. Will hire
95 part-time help for this.

96 Mike will buy 2 boxes of meters

97 **In response to a question from Frank, Mike is advancing the mapping**
98 **project for the underground infrastructure.**

99 H.T.E. (Eric Teale update) nothing new. Town owns dam and Town
100 needs to decide what to do with it.

101 • **Other / New Business –**

102 At Selectmen meeting on June 27, a suggestion was made that WWW
103 post no trespassing signs at dam. Kermit Williams will follow up on this.

104 Fed / State grant opportunities – all following for any opportunities.

105 **Next meetings:**

106 *WWW Meeting – Wednesday, July 27, 2016*
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109 There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM
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111 Respectfully submitted,
112 Joanna K Eckstrom, Clerk