

**WILTON WATER WORKS  
MONTHLY MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 2016 @ 6:30PM  
TOWN HALL COURTROOM**

1 **DRAFT MINUTES**

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3 WILTON WATER WORKS held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 27,  
4 2016 in the Town Hall Courtroom at 6:30PM. Present were Commissioners  
5 Steve Elliott (Chairman) and Kermit Williams; Superintendent Mike Bergeron;  
6 Clerk Joanna K Eckstrom; member of public Tracy Ewing. Commissioner Frank  
7 Edelblut was absent.

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9 The following agenda was addressed:

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- 11 • **Call to order** Chairman Elliott called to order at 6:30PM
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  - 13 • **Public Input / Comment** – Tracy Ewing observing – no input
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  - 15 • **Minutes – June 30, 2016** - Mr Williams asked that name 'Paul' (Jadis) be  
16 inserted on line 66; Williams moved, Elliott seconded approving minutes  
17 as corrected; unanimous.
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  - 19 • **Accounts Receivable Report** – reviewed and appears to be in order.  
20 Jane Farrell said that old outstanding balances are likely for services at  
21 bank-owned property – bills will eventually get paid at closings.  
22 Mr Williams asked if a lien can be placed on unpaid water bills. Ms  
23 Farrell and Ms Eckstrom (a former tax collector) said this has never been  
24 done for water because these bills are user fee based versus a tax as on  
25 sewer bills. Eckstrom also said that WWW has customers whose property  
26 is in Milford so that may be another reason why liens haven't been placed.  
27 Jane said that the lien process for both water and sewer could make her  
28 life (billing and collecting) easier.  
29 Clerk was asked to make appointment at August 22<sup>nd</sup> Selectmen's  
30 meeting so WWW and Select Board could discuss.  
31 Jane also added that a new property owner shouldn't be held  
32 responsible for bill for repairs / improvements made by a former owner so  
33 she thought it unlikely that a bill that Caitlin Martin has for a Main Street  
34 property may remain unpaid.
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  - 36 • **Accounts Payable Report** – Mr Williams asked if chemicals line item is  
37 okay; per Mike Bergeron, chemical usage is higher in summer when more  
38 water is used – should taper off. Mr Elliott noted that protocol for  
39 retirement line item - 457 – should be checked - Mike B does work for the  
40 sewer department so it was felt that sewer department should be paying  
41 their share of the retirement contribution. Clerk thought there is an item  
42 on sewer budget for this but will confirm with sewer department and  
43 Caitlin.

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- **Superintendents Report**
  - Hydrant flushing is being deferred until water level (river) is back up. It's down about 2.5 feet right now and Mike doesn't want to waste water.
  - In response to Joan Lemire's letter asking that number of water units be reduced, Mike did some investigation and found that the town's two restaurants – Wilton House of Pizza and the now closed C&S Pizza were charged for three units each – based on number of seats.
  - Mike checked other towns with systems similar to WWW – Epping charges a quarterly base rate of \$28.10 for residential and \$50.53 for commercial; useage is separate. Milford is \$4.40 per 100 cu ft or \$5.88 per 1,000 gallons. Mike said there are many variables among the many towns but Epping and Milford may be close to WWW.
  - Clerk stated that Wilton Sewer Department had reduced the number of units at C&S going forward (effective on the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2016 bill) but did not make it retroactive.
  - Mr Elliott said he needed more information from Mike and possibly Jane Farrell before he'd be comfortable making a decision about Ms Lemire's request. Item will be continued to August meeting.
  - Emery & Garrett** Mike is still working with dan Tinkham on this; question was asked if E&G deals with Strom Water plans. Clerk thought yes; Mike will confirm.
  
- **Follow Up – Land Acquisition** nothing new – continue to August
  
- **Follow Up – H.T.E. as needed** – per Mike, Eric Teale has given three options, all of which cost about the same. As the Town owns the dam, not the WWW, it is up to town to decide whether to implement a plan or decide what to do with property. Mr Williams suggested that WWW let the Selectmen know formally that WWW has no interest in the reservoir. This will be discussed in greater detail in August.
  - Mr Williams noted that town administrator candidates were given an option to talk about the reservoir as a recreation site or the town hall building update as part of the final selection process. Final three candidates make presentations next week.
  
- **Follow Up – No Trespassing Signs** Placed as requested

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86       • **Follow Up – Grant Opportunities – as needed** – nothing new but this is  
87 something that new town administrator should look into.

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89       • **Other / New Business** Monadnock Survey – Hellyn Egan property. Mr  
90 Elliott will respond (by letter) that water service is available at proposed  
91 subdivision.

92           Mike heard from DES Brian Crentin that Monadnock Water testing for  
93 PFOA samples were taken after test water passed through a charcoal  
94 filter so their tests needed to be repeated. DES is requiring that WWW is  
95 required to test its two sources for PFOAs at a cost of \$250 per test. OK  
96 to do.

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98           **Next Meeting: Thursday, August 25, 2016**

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101       There being no other business before the commission, the meeting was  
102 adjourned at 8PM

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104       Respectfully submitted,

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108       Joanna K Eckstrom, Clerk

109       Transcribed 8/3/16