

**WILTON WATER WORKS  
MONTHLY MEETING  
THURSDAY, September 22, 2016 @ 6:30PM  
DRAFT Minutes**

1 WILTON WATER WORKS held its regular monthly meeting on **Thursday,**  
2 **September 22, 2016** in the Building Inspector's Office at 6:30PM. Attending the  
3 meeting were Commissioners Steve Elliott Chairman and Kermit Williams and  
4 Commissioner Frank Edelblut participated by phone. Also attending were Water  
5 Superintendent Mike Bergeron; Clerk Joanna K Eckstrom; and Fire Chief Ray  
6 Dick.

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8 The following agenda was addressed:

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- 10 • **Call to order** Chairman Elliott called meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
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  - 12 • **Chief Ray Dick – abatement** Tax Collector Jane Farrell had provided  
13 information to support an abatement request of \$1,044 on the Wilton Fire  
14 Department's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2015 water bill. Jane cited an error in the 'dial  
15 setting' as reason for usage being miscalculated. The correct amount due  
16 on this bill is \$253.50. A motion by Mr Williams, seconded by Mr Edelblut  
17 to abate \$1,044 on the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2015 billing was unanimously approved.

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19 Chief asked the Commissioners for assistance with 2016 water bills. He  
20 asked for explanation of being charged for two services per quarter (at  
21 \$28 each) plus usage. When truck's water tanks are filled at the station  
22 (about 2,000 gallons at a time), usage metered and a bill rendered. When  
23 filled at a hydrant, there's no metering, no bill. Chief says Fire Department  
24 wants to do its fair share but it can be very inconvenient to fill at a hydrant,  
25 especially in winter. Mr. Williams moved, Mr Elliott seconded that the  
26 number of water units at the station be reduced to one, effective with the  
27 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2016 billing. Motion unanimously approved.

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29 Mr Edelblut and others felt it important that metering is done on Fire  
30 Station usage; usage is unpredictable as it's based on number of fire calls.  
31 Commissioners want metering to continue but will consider an annual  
32 'cap' of \$300 per year. Mr Williams will ask Jane about best way to  
33 implement this and will report back at next meeting.

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35 Consensus that WWW will recommend that Wilton Sewer Department  
36 reduce number of units at Fire Station from two to one also. Chief will go  
37 to next WSD meeting to request abatement on sewer bills.

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- 39 • **Public Input / Comment** NONE
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  - 41 • **Minutes – August 25, 2016** Motion by Mr Williams, seconded by Mr Elliott  
42 to approve as written. Vote 2 yes; Mr Edelblut abstained as he wasn't  
43 present at that meeting.

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- **Accounts Receivable Report – collector’s report** prepared by Melissa Schultz as of 9/22. Report reviewed and found to be in order. Noted that current billing (3<sup>rd</sup> qtr 2016) is imminent.
- **Accounts Payable Report & Town Office billings** Caitlin Martin’s reports as of 8/31/16 reviewed and in order. Question raised about whether moneys available for more meters, hydrants.
- **Trust Fund discussion** – David Miller, a Trustee of Trust Funds, has been in touch with WWW about WWW reserve accounts coming due for reinvestment. Conceptuals and meeting with TF management company will be requested; action continued.

- **Superintendent’s Report**

Mike reported that he located two stubbed water services at Robbins subdivision (Hellyn Egan property). These have been flagged / staked. There may be a third stub higher up but not yet found

**PFOA – testing** Negative no PFOAs

A gate box at Label Art was repaired.  
DOT dig safe marking on Abbot Hill Rd was done.  
10 Richfield Way project is complete; logged in to GPS.  
Break on Pellerin Rd repaired.  
Meter reading is underway.

Mr Edelblut asked about Water Restrictions as noted in e-mail from Pam Atwood. Mike said that the water table is down but that flow is OK. Mr Williams said he hadn’t heard of anyone’s well running dry. Mike noted that Monadnock Water draws 30K gallons per day; meter read at WLC ballfield shows 1,400,000 gallons used.

Response to above e-mail is that WWW discussed but found no need to impose restrictions create an ordinance at this time.

**Emery & Garrett** - Mike had letter from Dan Tinkham; October testing to be deferred until prices for test items are obtained.

Hydrant replacements for last part of 2016 were outlined; a hydrant on Prince Street (oldest on system and in a bad location) and one or two on Pine Valley Street will be done, likely in October.

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- **Follow Up – Land Acquisition** (Nothing new)
  
- **Follow Up – H.T.E. and WWW formal statement re: old reservoir**  
(Clerk to find and re-send)
  
- **Other / New**  
Begin 2017 budget planning  
Abatement at cemetery – motion by Mr Williams, second by Mr Edelblut,  
to abate \$340 ... approved – Mr Elliott abstained.  
Mr Elliott said he had conversation with sewer commissioner Chris Carter  
about how Mike’s time is being accounted for when he does work for  
water vs sewer. Elliott suggests showing actual time (hours) worked not  
just a total.
  
- **Next Meeting: Thursday, October 27, 2016**

There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanna K Eckstrom, Clerk