



**Cogswell Spring Water Works  
Water Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, June 15, 2021**

**Members Present:** Jerry Gilbert, Chairman; Bill Hall, Commissioner; Jeff Connor, Commissioner; Norm Bumford, Superintendent

**Guests:** Ryan Bumford, Chief Operator

**Recording Secretary:** Kelly McCutcheon

Review minutes from previous meeting:

**Chair Gilbert moved to approve the May 18<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Chair Gilbert moved to approve the emergency meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes as amended. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Superintendents Report:

1. The area that was disturbed behind the Mobil Station during the installation of the new 10-inch water main under 2020/9 has been cleaned up and Hyrdo Seeded.
2. The installation of the new 10-inch gate valves in intersection of Depot Hill Road and Circle Street has been completed. The fire hydrant that was in front of the New England College Science Building has been relocated to Circle Street near the intersection of Depot Hill Road and Circle Street. That total feet of 10-inch pipe used is 555 and 27 feet of 6-inch. The new water main is full of water and will be pressure tested and chlorine added on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. This work also included the installation of one new fire hydrant, two service lines and a blow-off. There are still bills outstanding and credit for unused material to be taken in account so the total cost for the job is unknown at this time. Unused material will be returned for a credit.
3. No word yet from the Department of Environmental Services in regards to the waiver for sampling for PFAS/PFOA.
4. I have not received the final Sanitary Survey Report from Rick Skarinka from the Department of Environmental Services, however I have enclosed the draft document for your review.
5. Marked out 7 dig safes, provided 4 final reads for title companies, no extractions were done this month.
6. As requested by the board, I spoke with Jeff Martin from Henniker Directional Drilling in regards to the price difference between using 4inch pipe instead of 6inch pipe under route 114 from Depot Hill to Park Street. Jeff says that it would be about the same price. He also told me that he

isn't interested in tying the ends into the existing water mains. I have spoken to Steve, Connor Backhoe, and he is willing to do it.

7. The addition of Chlorine to the Davison Road Water Storage tank has begun.
8. Monthly Bacteria test was negative for bacteria
9. The building inspector stopped by today and we discussed his concerns about the construction of the new front entrance at the office. He was going to send me a letter stating what he wants done, why, and when he wants it done by.
10. SUR Construction has completed adjusting the gate boxes on Maple Street in preparation for the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation paving project. The total number they had to do was 18.
11. In your packet I have supplied you with the proposed Monument relocation plan for the monument across from Town Hall.

#### Old Business:

The Board of Selectmen approved Longevity Pay for Town Employees in December 2020 at 75% proposed funding. The discussion had been tabled until all Water Commissioners were present.

Commissioner Connor asked if longevity pay was to be paid every year. Superintendent Bumford confirmed longevity pay is to be paid yearly on the Anniversary Hire Date and increases every 3-5 years based on service. Superintendent Bumford stated the Board of Selectmen had cut longevity pay years ago and understands the Water Commission/Department has a tight budget but longevity pay is helpful and it is nice to feel appreciated.

Commissioner Connor asked if longevity pay continues after retirement. It does not and Superintendent Bumford will no longer qualify once he retires from the department and town. Commissioner Connor stated with all the companies struggling to hire in today's market with sign on bonuses, it only makes sense to compensate employees for staying. The Commissioners all agreed on instating and retroacting longevity pay and speaking with the Town Hall authorities.

**Chair Gilbert moved to instate Longevity Pay and to make it retroactive for 2021. Commissioner Connor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

#### New Business:

Building Management Company for 95 Hall Avenue questions.

The Building Management Company discovered a leak and asked if the bill could be abated because the property does not earn enough income to pay for the upcoming water bill. The Commission cannot grant an abatement as requested by the management company and the request for an installment payment plan needs to be discussed with the Town Tax Collector at Town Hall.

#### Commissioners' Concerns:

Liberty Hill project for next year 2022. An estimate is needed to replace the infrastructure along Liberty Hill Road as a future capital reserve project.

Reschedule easement meeting with Rick Patenaude.

Superintendent Bumford reminded the Commission of the road access needed for the Depot Hill Road Tank as well as the river crossing at Patterson Hill. Chair Gilbert agreed about the need to address those two items and to add Rush Road and the Foster Road Well to the project list as well.

There was discussion of the possibility to loop in the system and eliminate a choke point not far from the corner of Davison Road over to the Oaks and connecting the Oaks to the 10inch water line.

Next Meeting July 20<sup>th</sup> at 1500 hours

**Commissioner Hall moved to adjourn. Commissioner Connor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Adjourn at 5pm / 1700 hours.**