



**Cogswell Spring Water Works  
Water Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, July 20, 2021**

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

**Guests:** Rick Patenaude & Kristen Claire Patenaude

**Recording Secretary:** Kelly McCutcheon

Review minutes from previous meeting:

**Commissioner Hall moved to approve the June 15<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended. Chair Gilbert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Appointments: Rick Patenaude & Kristen Claire Patenaude

Rick Patenaude asked the Commission for a concept of the right of way to be constructed for access to the Depot Hill Road Tank. Chair Gilbert had a previous proposal of \$60,000 at the time. Rick stated his concern over the increased cost of materials and asked what the right of way would be constructed of. Chair Gilbert stated the Commission would like to put down enough gravel in the area to support vehicle accesses in addition to a locked gate at the road to hinder public access.

Kristen Patenaude stated her concern regarding the lack of power from above her driveway. Chair Gilbert stated the proposed access would come along the cemetery and her neighbor's border. Kristen stated she would like to see more specific plans. Chair Gilbert stated the Water Commission is interested in moving forward with and paying for a survey in order to establish the right of way on paper and ensure it meets the boundaries in the contract for both parties to review.

The Town does not own the water tank on Depot Hill Road. Kristen Patenaude owns the land the tank sits on and the town has rights to the water within the tank. Chair Gilbert stated once the survey has been completed if Kristen & Rick are interested in selling the right of way and the land the tank sits on, it is something the Water Commission would be interested in discussing further.

Kristen stated her concerns regarding being able to see the right of way, trees that will come down, and ensuring the gravel laid down on the right of way is horse friendly keystone, river stone, or any other non-angular stone. Commissioner Hall asked if Kristen & Rick had a particular Surveyor they wished to use. Kristen will reach out to her neighbor, Dan Higginson, to complete the needed survey.

It was agreed to move forward with the survey before moving forward with estimated construction cost although Rick will reach out to Tom Patenaude for a rough estimate for right of way construction.

Kristen asked if the right of way would be plowed. There is no need to plow with the current technology available that monitors the system.

Chair Gilbert asked when they could meet again and it was agreed to meet next month at the August meeting. Kristen asked how the right of way will be paid for. Chair Gilbert stated it will be paid for with expendable funds.

#### Superintendents Report:

1. The Circle Street water main is complete and in use
  - a. A new four-inch service tap to Park Street has been completed. I have notified Henniker Directional Drilling that the water department is ready for them to bore the new four-inch water main under State Route 114 whenever they are in town.
  - b. The failed gate valve at the intersection of Depot Hill Road and Circle Street on the ballfield has been removed and the water main repaired.
2. I have contacted Mike Vignale, KV Partners, to come and take measurements and prepare a set of plans for the new main under 202/9, Depot Hill Road/Circle Street and the new Park Street Service line.
3. The State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service has granted the Cogswell Spring Water Works a reduction in the amount of samples that are required for PFAS/PFOA. The absence of the chemicals in the five previous samples qualified the water department for reduction in sampling.
4. The new water service line for 191 Davison Road has been completed.
5. Marked out 6 dig safe sites, provided 3 final reads for title companies and one extraction was performed this month.
6. The addition of chlorine to the Davison Road Water Storage Tank has begun. With the amount of work that has been done on the water system this summer I would suggest that the addition of chlorine at the pump station be initiated.
7. The monthly bacteria test for July was negative for Bacteria
  - a. By Consensus the Commission agreed to add chlorine for 30 days because of all the previously open pipes from the Circle Street Construction
8. The building inspector has given me the written report as the what he wants done to correct the issues with the front entrance at the water department office on Depot Hill Road. I called the contractor and explained to him what the Building Inspector. The contractor has contacted Steve Connor about digging the holes for the concrete supports. The stair risers will be installed in the near future.
9. The River Meadow Condos are in the process of replacing all their underground propane tanks so I have spent time on the site as the tank locations are near the water mains.
10. Miller Well and Pump has begun work on water well pump number one. It is expected to be out of service for two weeks.
11. The two rear bottom doors to the storage cabinets on the service truck are not useable. This is due to the service body from where the door hinge mounts rusting away from the cabinets
12. The owner of 584 Wester Avenue is going to build a new garage on the property that he owns at the corner of Western Ave and Newton Road and would like a separate service line to supply

water to it. This new tap would come in from the water main in Newton Road not Wester Avenue.

13. The final cost for S.U.R. Construction to raise the gate boxes on Maple Street/State Route 114 is \$3,760.00 for 18 gate boxes. This had to be done to accommodate the State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation resurfacing project. The cost for flaggers for this work is \$1,275.00 which brings the total cost for the job to \$5,307.00
14. The owner of 19 Rush Road is remodeling the residence and adding a third apartment to the building which requires the installation of a fire suppression system. A 2-inch tap is required. I have applied for a trench permit from Division Five and was told that because the road was paved last year that they may require that the pavement be milled down 1/5 inches, 100 feet in both directions and repaved.

**Commissioner Hall moved to accepted the Superintendents' report as presented. Commissioner Connor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

New Business:

none

Commissioners Concerns:

Commissioner Connor asked Superintendent Bumford when the department would have time to make a dump run. He stated his irritation at the pile of trash left at the Circle Street job not only because of how long it was there but because it reflects poorly on the department and on the town for anyone who drives by. Commissioner Connor also asked about the trash at the well field and stated Superintendent Bumford used to ensure all the job site were cleaned up before leaving for the day.

Superintendent Bumford stated he did not have an answer on why the Circle Street debris remained as long as it did and that the debris at the well field was a temporary hold site until the Transfer Station was open. Superintendent Bumford stated the Transfer Station is open tomorrow and he will get all the trash there in addition to being more diligent moving forward in making more frequent dump runs.

Chair Gilbert stated he will not be available August 17<sup>th</sup> for the regularly scheduled meeting and asked to move to the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Hall moved to reschedule the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to August 14<sup>th</sup> at 1500 hours. Commissioner Connor seconded motion carried 3-0.**

Schedule next meeting: August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1500 hours

Adjourn:

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

**Adjourn at 4pm.**