

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
WATER COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

Board Present:

David Rose, Ron Bixby, Robert Gilmore

Staff Present:

Frank Heald

1. Call to Order:

- a. David Rose called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Approve Minutes:

- a. MOTION by Ron Bixby and seconded by Robert Gilmore to accept the minutes from January 3, 2017 as presented. All in favor and the motion passed.

3. Comments from Citizens:

- a. None present.

4. High Street Water Project Update:

- a. Frank Heald reported that a Notice of Intent to File Application was been submitted to USDA Rural Development. He said that the Village of Ludlow is also on the priority list for funding.
- b. Frank Heald explained that we do not have a construction plan for this summer and may need to schedule a Special Village Meeting for a vote.
- c. David Rose asked if there is anything else needed for construction this summer on the water or sewer side.
- d. Frank Heald said that along the Black River at the lower end of the wastewater system they are getting prices/specs to sleeve the main line.
- e. David Rose asked when copies of the asset management plan will be available.
- f. Frank Heald said most likely at the April meeting.
- g. David Rose asked if the consultants contracts are lump sum.
- h. Frank Heald said the asset management is under a grant program in the amount of \$55,700.

5. Summer Construction Update

- a. Frank Heald said the Select Board awarded the Pleasant Street Extension Bridge replacement to Cold River Bridges, LLC.
- b. Frank Heald said the spring and summer will be busy with construction. He said we have made up posters with the construction timeline.
- c. Frank Heald said in February repairs to the Red Bridge Dam will be made. He added that the repairs that were made in 1995 are failing. He said water is coming in along the side in the containment area so the scheduled repairs will include the valve hoist, valves, pour the interior and re-sleeve the culvert. He said the Select Board approved the emergency repairs at a previous meeting.
- d. Frank Heald said the Pleasant Street Extension Bridge replacement will take place from April 3rd to May 5th. He said the bridge will be closed for 30-days and they will need to place some emergency “no parking” signs on some of the Village streets.
- e. Robert Gilmore asked if traffic will be able to go down Pleasant Street.
- f. Frank Heald said yes.
- g. David Rose asked where the traffic will come back out.
- h. Frank Heald said Elm Street and Depot Street.
- i. Frank Heald said on May 9th, the Branch Brook Bridge located at the junction of Route 100/Route 103 North will be replaced. He said this is a State of Vermont project and will close the bridge for 10 days.
- j. David Rose asked if the bridge is pre-cast.
- k. Frank Heald said yes. He added that traffic will be re-routed around to Buttermilk Falls and Rod & Gun Club Road.
- l. Frank Heald said Walker Bridge is scheduled for replacement and will close on June 9th through July 4th. He said this bridge is a State of Vermont project and will close for 35 days or less. He said the same contractor was awarded the bid for the Pleasant Street Extension Bridge replacement.
- m. Frank Heald said in July/August a box culvert on Andover Street/bottom of Hemingway Hill will be replaced. He said there may be some interruption of traffic.
- n. Robert Gilmore asked if there is any paving or sidewalk projects planned.
- o. Frank Heald said the Village did apply for a State grant for sidewalk repairs, but has not heard from the State.

6. Other Business:

- a. David Rose asked how the abatements were going for the Rolka and Dwyer properties.
- b. Frank Heald said they are in progress.

7. Set Date for Next Meeting:

- a. Next meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

8. Possible Executive Session Personnel/Contracts/Legal:

- a. None needed.

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9. Adjourn:

- a. MOTION to adjourn by Robert Gilmore and seconded by Ron Bixby. All in favor and the motion passed.
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Recording Secretary

David Rose, Chairman

Robert Gilmore

Ronald Bixby