

MINUTES

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
WATER COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting
September 3, 2019
5:30 PM**

Board Members Present:

David Rose, Chair	Robert Gilmore	Ron Bixby
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Staff Present:

Scott Murphy	Chuck Craig	
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1. **Call to Order:**
 - a. David Rose called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
2. **Consideration of any Changes, Additions or Removal to the Agenda:**
 - a. There were none.
3. **Approve Minutes:**
 - a. **MOTION by Robert Gilmore and seconded by Ron Bixby to accept the meeting minutes from August 6, 2019 as presented. All in favor and the motion passed.**
4. **Comments from Citizens:**
 - a. None present.
5. **Water Hook-On Request:**
 - a. David Rose said there is a water hook-on request for a one-bedroom home from Joseph Bowbliss located at 89 Brooks Road.
 - b. **MOTION by Robert Gilmore and seconded by Ron Bixby to approve the water hook-on request for Joseph Bowbliss at 89 Brooks Road contingent upon payment of the hook-on fee in the amount of \$1,500. All in favor and the motion passed.**
 - c. David Rose asked Chuck Craig if curbstops were added to the houses along Brooks Road when the water project was taking place.
 - d. Chuck Craig said yes, the curbstops were added.
6. **Meadow Street Water Main Status:**
 - a. Scott Murphy said the owners at 12 Meadow Street were told by the fire marshal that they need to install a sprinkler system, but tests showed that the water flow numbers probably won't meet the needs. Scott said the owner is wondering where to go from here.

- b. David Rose asked what the water pipe size is that we have now.
- c. Chuck Craig said it is a 4" pipe.
- d. Scott Murphy said some are 6", but the state wants us to have 8" lines.
- e. Scott Murphy said he thought the owner was going to attend the meeting.
- f. David Rose said the Water Commission will table this discussion for now.
- g. Scott Murphy asked how long the water line is.
- h. Chuck Craig said the line is 660' but the minimum distance is 220'.

7. Possibly Approve Stainless Steel Piping Work on Upper Vault on Andover Street:

- a. David Rose asked for more details on the work that is needed.
- b. Chuck Craig said this line runs from the Springs down toward the Transfer Station and the velocity in the 2" pipe is stripping the inside of the pipe during the fill cycle. He said they have already replaced some of the piping twice.
- c. David Rose said this work needs to be done.
- d. Ron Bixby said it must be expensive every time we need to replace the pipes.
- e. Chuck Craig said they do the pipe replacement inhouse, but said it would be very costly if the line fails.
- f. Robert Gilmore asked about the two quotes.
- g. Chuck Craig said he asked for a written quote from JK Mechanical but has not received one yet.
- h. **MOTION by Ron Bixby and seconded by Robert Gilmore to approve the bid in the amount of \$3,720 from Vermont Mechanical Incorporated to replace the Stainless-Steel Piping for the Upper Vault on Andover Street. All in favor and the motion passed.**
- i. David Rose asked if this was a lump sum bid.
- j. Scott Murphy said yes.

8. Other Business:

- a. Scott Murphy said they signed the contract for the Godfrey Tank and expect to have the project completed late in the season.
- b. David Rose asked about the status of the water leak in front of Main & Mountain.
- c. Chuck said a flared fitting failed. He said fortunately, Main & Mountain was advised to install a new curbstop during construction and eliminated the old one stop so it all worked out.
- d. David Rose asked about the area on Main Street in front of Dr. Montgomery's former office.
- e. Scott Murphy said Buck Adams was working on that fix.
- f. David Rose asked how the water flows were.
- g. Chuck Craig said everything was good.
- h. Robert Gilmore asked about the staging for the treatment plant renovation.
- i. Chuck Craig said they have already sited the building.
- j. Scott Murphy said that September 15th is the official start date and that is when the clock starts running.

9. Set Date for Next Meeting:

- a. Next meeting will be on October 1, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

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- b. Scott Murphy said there is a Public Hearing with the Select Board on October 7th and wondered if the Water Commission and Village Trustees would rather hold their meeting on October 8th so it follows the Select Board.
- c. The consensus was to keep the meeting on October 1st.

10. **Adjourn:**

- d. MOTION by Ron Bixby and seconded by Robert Gilmore to adjourn. All in favor and the motion passed.
- e. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Recording Secretary

David Rose, Chairman

Robert Gilmore

Ronald Bixby