

Town of Lincoln
Water Commission
96 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI
Minutes of March 9th, 2022 Meeting

Present: Commissioners Louis Long, Edward Sliney, Ken Booth; Robert Anderson (Superintendent), Lew Prescott (Asst. to the Superintendent), and Attorney Stephen Antonucci.

Absent: Madame Chair Julie Labreche and Edward Fox

Call to order: March 9th, 2022 Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: No public comment

Commissioner Sliney: Makes a motion to accept Commissioner Booth as the Acting Chairman to run tonight's meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Long.

All in Favor

Motion to accept Consent Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Sliney. Seconded by Commissioner Long.

All in Favor

Commissioner Booth: Noted that included in the correspondence there is brochure for the RSVP associated with the RI Interlocal Trust meeting. Anyone interested should contact Bob (Anderson) regarding this event.

Executive Session Minutes February 9, 2022: A motion was made to differ to the next meeting for absent members to review them. Motion by Commissioner Sliney. Seconded by Commissioner Long.

All in Favor

Superintendent Report of Daily Activity February 2022:

Commissioner Booth: Welcomed Bob Anderson to his first official meeting in his capacity as our new Superintendent.

Superintendent Anderson: This past information you've seen, can be directed to Lewis Prescott. He knows the background on the ongoing events. The specific items can be directed to Lewis Prescott.

Motion to accept by Commissioner Sliney. Seconded by Commissioner Long.

All in favor

Balance Sheet – Expenditure and Revenue Report – February 2022- Motion to accept by Commissioner Long. Seconded by Commissioner Sliney.

All in favor

Financial Report to Town Finance Director – February 2022- Motion to accept by Commissioner Sliney. Seconded by Commissioner Long.

All in favor

Account Balance Report –February 2022- Motion to accept by Commissioner Sliney. Seconded by Commissioner Long.

All in favor

Direct Payments and Payables – February 2022- Motion to accept by Commissioner Long. Seconded by Commissioner Sliney.

All in favor

Abatements a. Regular Monthly Abatements- Motion to accept by Commissioner Sliney.
Seconded by Commissioner Long.
All in favor

Unfinished Business

a. Smith Street Water Main Break and Repair – Disposition of claims

Superintendent Anderson: We are in process of the disposition of claims that have been filed with The Town as well. This is the phase we are in right now with The Trust. The explanation is under the Claims section, if I can jump ahead. Contacted the Town, Veolia has been checked out. The Veolia invoice has been made, The Trust requires it to be paid first- this is the procedure. Invoice, paid and submitted. There is no deductible for that particular claim, paid outright by The Trust.

New Business

a. Commission Water Rates: Water Rate Study – RFP Authorization

Superintendent Anderson: Purpose of this item is to get authorization to prepare for a proposed water rate study that needs to be performed. There are specialized people that we could get on board, this is important for future capital improvements. Seeking authorization to proceed with the preparation of an RFP.

Commissioner Sliney: I think we all know we need to go forward with this, and we could make this decision tonight.

Commissioner Booth: We can discuss a reasonable number. Rate structure model, we don't have that. But we should get there. I think if we are to authorize Superintendent Anderson, it would be appropriate for us to authorize with an amount not to exceed.

Superintendent Anderson: Reasonable would be around \$20,000.

Motion to authorize expenditure not to exceed \$20,000 for water rate study by Commissioner Sliney. Seconded by Commissioner Long.

All in favor

b. Contract Amendment – Pare Corp.: Residual Chlorine Study Letter Proposal –Review and Approval

Superintendent Anderson: Pare submitted a letter, as an addendum to an existing contract for the hydraulic model to conduct a Residual Chlorine Study, including assessment for injection points for chlorine. Our approach would be to conduct study and find injection points for emergency purposes, if and when we had to do this. The letter outlines the tasks to conduct the study and do the assessment. The model would help with the assessment. The fee is reasonable for the level of effort (man-hours) that are proposed.

Motion to authorize Superintendent Anderson accept Pare Corp. proposal by Commissioner Sliney. Seconded by Commissioner Long.

All in favor

C. Quinnsville Wellfield Facilities: Final abandonment planning - RIDEM Petersen-Puritan site remediation

Superintendent Anderson: There are three Wellfield Stations that were abandoned in 1985. Each have varying conditions. The lines have been disconnected and severed from the system; to complete the final abandonments. Two of them have a building and mechanical equipment has been removed. Some have not had equipment removed. We need to further investigate the conditions to define the demolition work. The PRP's that are doing the work are doing it to prep the site as part of their site remediation work. Our work might have to be accomplished under their work. There are also piping modifications we have to do to an existing pipe loop as part of the abandonment work, but something has to be done to maintain with the loop interconnection with the system. The on-site piping also needs to be disposed of, and hydrants also need to be taken out.

Commissioner Booth: Does not benefit us to own it, DEM could take it over with removal of the building- it wouldn't be a bad thing.

Claims

a. The Trust – 8 Claims Filed by the Property Owners on Smith Street and Smithfield Avenue

Already spoke on

b. The Trust - 1 Claim Filed by the Town of Lincoln: Veolia Invoice – Sewer Cleaning

Already spoke on in the

News Articles

a. None

Seek to Adjourn to Executive Session According to RIGL 42-46-5

(a) (2); discussion on Voya 2020/2021 Employer Contribution a. Voya – 2020/2021 Employer Contribution issues.

Attorney Stephen Antonucci: Questions if motion was made to open public comment.

Commissioner Booth: Yes

Motion to go into Executive Session. Roll Call: Commissioner Booth – Aye, Commissioner Sliney- Aye, Commissioner Long – Aye.

Motion to move into Executive Session.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Commissioner Fox. All in favor.

Motion to Seal Minutes of Executive Session According to RIGL 42-46-7 (c) - Motion by Commissioner Long. Seconded by Commissioner Sliney.

All in favor

Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Sliney. Seconded by Commissioner Long.

All in favor