

TOWN OF LINCOLN
Water Commission Meeting
October 9, 2024

Members Present:

Kenneth Booth, Chair	Lewis A Prescott III, Acting Superintendent
Julie LaBreche, Secretary	Stephen Antonucci, Town Solicitor
Ed Fox	Anna Nascimento, Administrative Assistant
Louis Long	
Edward Sliney	

Call to order: Chairman Kenneth Booth called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Minutes of previous meeting:
 - A) September 11, 2024–Regular Meeting*
 - B) August 14, 2024 – Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner **Ed Fox** and was seconded by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche** to approve the consent agenda. All in favor.

Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner **Louis Long** to approve and was seconded by Commissioner **Ed Fox** to approve August 14, 2024 Executive Minutes. All in favor

Superintendent Report of Daily Activity September 2024:

1. **Administrative – Project Management:**
 - a. Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) - School St. Water Main Replacement, Project status: Project has been advertised for bids.

- b. R.I. Energy in process of checking groundings for U.G. Electric on Lincoln Meadows Drive. We continue to look into this problem, sampling is ongoing another round of sampling was done this week. PH levels are fluctuating. We are keeping residents in the loop. Commissioner Ed Fox asked if we had reached out to surrounding towns as to whether they have experienced this, Chairman Booth stated they had, and were expecting to hear something soon, in hopes it would be beneficial to our situation.
- c. Lead line inventory survey – working with Pare Corporation and 120 Water, RIDOH and RIDEM. We feel confident the issue (lead/cooper) is not on our side. We remain in compliance with the upcoming 10/16/24 deadline.
- d. Saylesville Project – We are ready to move forward with previously discussed neighborhood meeting. Chairman Booth is looking to have a joint meeting with Town Administrator to piggyback with paving project. Timing for resident notification likely beginning in early November.
- e. New Vehicles- Acting Superintendent Lewis Prescott stated the utility vehicle has been ordered with a lead time of 6-8 weeks.

Commissioner Long took this opportunity to thank Acting Superintendent Lewis A. Prescott III for stepping in while we awaited the hire of a new Water Commissioner.

2. **Meter Readings:**

- a. Monthly & quarterly commercial accounts were read.

3. **Water Testing:**

- a **Five samples collected & analyzed weekly from specific locations as required by Department of Health & Environmental Protection Agency.**
- b **Chlorine residual samples taken at five locations to comply with Safe Drinking Water Act requirements.**
- c **Daily chlorine residuals taken at Providence Connection.**
- d **Met with Providence Water for weekly samples & meter readings.**
- e **Required monthly and quarterly sampling reports submitted to Rhode Island Department of Health**

- f Picked up samples from 12, 20, 25 & 29 Lincoln Meadows Dr. and were brought to the lab.
- g Took samples from hydrant #3171 and 3172 on Angell Rd. and #3156 on Lincoln Meadows Dr., and were brought to the lab.
- h UCMR samples –PFAS were taken.

4. **Vehicles/Garages:**

- a. Performed maintenance on trailer used for trench box.
- b. Unit #17 – Stake body truck inspected.
- c. Purchased one new pickup truck – 6 to 8 week delivery.

5. **Operational – Maintenance: Pumping Stations:**

- a. **All three (3) pumping stations, Woonsocket emergency pump station and five (5) tank sites checked daily.**
- b. Ran generators at Providence Connector and Albion Rd.

6. **Operational – Maintenance: Water Storage Tanks:**

- a. Old River Rd. and Manville tank sites soil remediation project. Submitted Site Investigation Reports with signed certification page to RIDEM for review and approval.

7. **Miscellaneous System Field Activities:**

- a. Services & water mains were marked at 119 locations at the request of Dig Safe (Utilities & Contractors).
- b. Emergency Dig Safe responses: 10
- c. Checked curb stops: 20
- d. Fire flow test performed at the following location: 246 Front St.
- e. Flushed blow offs: 6
- f. Flushed hydrants: 5
- g. Hot patch/cold patch at the following location: 85 Industrial Circle, 32 Briarwood Dr., 114 Main St., and Woodland St.
- h. Inspection of new services at the following location: 1781 Louisquisset Pike

- i. Installed new services at the following locations: 1781 Louisquisset Pike and 935R Smithfield Ave.
- j. Installed new meter: 1

Superintendent Report of Daily Activity – September 2024:

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Louis Long**, seconded by Commissioner **Ed Fox**. All in favor.

Balance Sheet - Expenditure and Revenue Report – September 2024:

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Edward Sliney**, seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**. All in favor.

a. **Financial Report to Town Acting Finance Director – September 2024:**

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Julie LaBreche**, seconded by Commissioner **Ed Fox**. All in favor.

Account Balance Report – September 2024:

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Ed Fox**, seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**. All in favor.

Capitol Accounts – September 2024*

Direct Payment and Payables – September 2024:

Motion to accept by Commissioner **Edward Sliney**, seconded by Commissioner **Louis Long**. All in favor.

Abatements:

None

Account Transaction Report – September 2024*

Correspondence:

- a. Annual Financial Statements – Year ended June 30, 2023.
No red flags, Anna Nascimento to meet with Bob Strom for review.
- b. RI Energy – Power Options Pricing. *We have signed on with Constellation.*
- c. Paychex Flex – Time and Attendance Pricing

We now have the ability to track “all” time, which includes vacation, sick etc. Training currently in progress, once complete, this should minimize the time it takes to process payroll.

10. Unfinished Business:

a. **Saylesville Project Updates**

Pare Engineering provided plans for review. Once reviewed and approved, we will submit to the RIDOH. A 6-8 month review time is anticipated. Soil remediation nearing stage to put out for bid. *Bids to go out in December, deadline will be second week of January. Once contractor is determined, materials can be ordered, with start date of spring of 2025.*

b. **School & Smith Street Project Updates**

Currently awaiting State input on final design. Working with RIDOT for status of plan. Chairman Booth needs to talk to Acting Superintendent Lewis Prescott regarding borrowing of State funds. Town Council would have to approve. Need to discuss/negotiate to make sure all parties concerns are addressed. *Upon review of final plans, concerns brought up by Water Commission, were not addressed. Response to our concerns, was basically too bad. We also requested an inspector to cover the water main portion of the project, as the RIDOT will only be concerned with the paving portion. Looking to meet and assure that our concerns are addressed. Commissioner Julie LaBreche inquired as to who would be doing the inspections for our side of the project? Chairman Booth stated we would have to reach out for an inspector/consultant.*

c. **Lead Copper Study Proposal**

Federal EPA requirement to do full review re: Lead. Pare has been contacted to obtain proposal. Pare cannot provide this service (per Federal regulations) but will out-source to a company based in Utah, estimated cost is approximately \$38,000. Records need to be reviewed, a physical visit to properties will be required. Pare has contacted Utah based Company for requirements. Stephen Antonucci, Town Solicitor questioned if the Utah requirements would cover the RI requirements. Pare assisting us to create platform, allowing for public viewing. Once

completed, we can work on verifying information, anticipate 1-2 years. Pare has contacted the EPA, new regulations are in place. Each older residential property will have to be investigated for copper pipe history. Investigation needs to be completed by October 16, 2024. Software package is currently being developed. Lead line survey in progress. *We remain in compliance with 10/16 deadline looming.*

d. Manville Well Station

A discussion on a possible future use is also being discussed. Old well has been abandoned, Blackstone Valley Watershed requesting easement for use. Lewis Prescott, Acting Superintendent will get cost to demolish. *Looking to set-up site visit with interested Town parties.*

11. New Business:

- a. Introduction to Peter Dilorenzo, who has taken on the Water Commissioner position. Mr. Dilorenzo's previous experience includes, Pare Corp. and Providence Water.

12. Claims:

- a. None

13. News Articles

- a. None

Motion to adjourn: Commissioner Edward Sliney,

Commissioner Ed Fox second's motion.

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.