

LINCOLN WATER COMMISSIONERS

June 9, 2021

Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Board of Water Commissioners was held at the Town Hall with Commissioners Edward Fox, Edward Sliney, Acting Chair Julie Labreche and Louis Long present. , Eric Fox was absent. Also, present were Assistant to the Superintendent Lewis Prescott, Anna Nascimento and Legal Counsel Stephen Antonucci. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT –None

Motion to pull and move 11a and 11b to the front of the agenda passed unanimously (EdF/EdS)

a. Josh Giuliano, Citizens Annual Investment Review

Mr. Giuliano relayed so in the packet what they will find is a couple of different thing from the first page it is a summary page shows year by year an accumulative from accounts balances at three accounts now down to two accounts. In addition, they are going to see at the very bottom with percentage returns from the year from meeting to meeting. So from the last meeting to this meeting, the accumulative portfolio went to a half base, is about 8%. It was the best performance that he had, since he had done it within a couple of the past 9 years. Which last year it was at 7.2% after fees, also the investment policy stay in the constraint of that of 20% of equity portfolio and 80% bonds. Alter conservative portfolio stays in that to monitor and maintained within his constraint he can test that and can still stay in those constraint if they continue of the usual constraint. Despite of that they had a quite good year of the performance return. Within the last year and this year, they kind did have two things that happen at the same time the bonds are performing are typically down in addition, they are typically to do. Therefore, 80% of the portfolio did better than expected 20% of in different bonds did phenomenal. Also within this report you can see the most current with the statements reach within the two accounts and then they are applying last year stay the same within the day-to-day activities. In 2020, there was no withdrawals in the accounts and they have not been since in 2013. Commissioner Fox asks there have been no withdrawals. Mr. Giuliano replied no withdrawals correct. Commissioner Sliney question who sets the constraint. Mr. Giuliano replied one of the investment policy committee and statement that have been part of it as a decade. The only outstanding items they have is the constraint administrative items which is simply to change the authorize signer on these accounts. If and when that becomes out to be an issue is when they have to take money out of the account is a better issue however it is at some point they should have a conversation. This part is evolved at some point to update with the secretary to be an authorized signer this account just in case there is something wrong. Nothing pressure from his perspective, everything has done well. There are no outstanding issues as well, there are no internal concern right now and there are one minor administrator item that he is going to suggest that next month when they will be more clarity he will give them some updates. Mr. Giuliano asks if there is any questions or

concerns. Commissioner Sliney questioned they cannot get any more aggressive this is the best they can do. Mr. Giuliano replied correct and he would think if they want to change the investment policy statement to be significant, that is more than just a vote he would suggest when it comes the time to set up the tolls. He also left them with his business card if they have any other questions they can feel free to reach out. Mr. Antonucci said to Josh before he goes Madam Chair can he walks them through to get that updated. Mr. Giuliano said he will need them to sign by the parties and authorized by the Secretary and three signatures is before to be put in place. Mr. Antonucci asks Madame Chair if she had the form. Acting Chair Labreche replied Anna does so also asks if anybody else have any questions, the board said no and they thanked Mr. Guigliano.

b. Rob Benoit, Anchor Subaru Auto

Acting Chair Labreche relayed next, they have Mr. Benoit so they have him on the agenda so that is with Anchor Subaru. Also said to Lewis she is not sure what they are doing with this item. Acting Superintendent Prescott relayed to the Board supposed to review whether they would let Mr. Benoit hook up into the new water line. There are boundaries with Anchor Auto to Smithfield or North Smithfield. Commissioner Fox asks if Mr. Benoit can be up and speak to the microphone. Mr. Sliney asks where he is getting water right now from the well. Mr. Benoit replied yes he has a well; right now, he had many troubles a few years ago. He did a temporary fix until they went thru this. They have been going thru a very preliminary process he thought the committee have review it and to the subject of the PUC condition and what the PUC worked with the local lawyers. Commissioner Sliney said it was Dan McKinnon. Mr. Benoit expressed he did not realize these steps was skip he thought it was already done. Commissioner Sliney explained that he saw a letter going back 2017 when this apparently started. Mr. Benoit replied yes. Commissioner Sliney said he is here on about two years and he did not know anything of this and he does not think any of the Board members. He also thinks that Romeo was acting alone. Mr. Benoit relayed apparently there was some things going on, he assumed that he was communicating he also was directing them on what to do so they did it and this just came up a week or two ago. Commissioner Sliney questioned if his well is working now. Mr. Benoit replied it is working now but there is a big construction project on 146 and he does not know if they are aware they are ready to put a bridge where is Saylesville across the bridge at the intersection. They kind get that moving so they can get that incorporated with the plans he was not necessary pushing this hard then this came up there is no way across that intersection where this infrastructure came up for the construction after. Therefore, he wants to be part of the program so he can stay in Rhode Island there have been sub main and he wants to get that on the cross of what he needs to do. He just want to get that infrastructure done. Commissioner Sliney asks where is North Smithfield on this they do not have no interest on bringing water. Mr. Benoit replied no they refuse to do it and there are other things, they really do not have much equipment also they are not supporting and in addition they are not funding anything it is only him. He had a public wells and he had a contaminated well and all the wells were included, when he built the building there was a no brainer. It used to be water when they got to the end he found some particles and he knew some day he was going to get some water. Therefore, the facility is set up for it now to put a big well in the back but he has all the underground going

to each building he has them set up to go and install since he knew the State was going to come. Then he started the process with Romeo and they were kind of he took over then the State came along he said ok he does not want to get behind on this. To try to get this after with some bridges to be done and with all the expenses.

Acting Superintendent Prescott expressed the problem he has is there was a plan that was sent to Romeo back in January before he was excused in February. When February came, he look at the plan an h asked Mr. Benoit to come up and they look at it. So looking at it there was showing hydrant on it this was prior to this meeting. He also look at the folder it was pretty extensive going back to his initial request on 2017 but when he brought it to his Superintendent report and he brought it to the attention to the Board the problem was that no one seems to know anything about it. His concern in the report that he read which include Town of North Smithfield, the Water Resources Board, lawyers and engineers a host of people it look like it was already in the planning. He is surprised that the Board did not have all of that information about in passing that the Anchor Auto was looking for water out of town. Then when he read the paperwork it was supposed to be to his knowledge when Romeo brought it to his attention by word of mouth in 2017 there was supposed to be a dedicated line but if you read the paperwork, it is a dedicated service line for Anchor Auto. However for the period of seven years. Romeo has put in in there if somebody wanted to use they will be taken case-by-case basis. Well taken case by case after seven years it is in the dedicated water line in Anchor Auto. That is why he asked them to take the hydrant off to begin with this is was when he found out that the Commissioners were not well informed to what was going on with this project. Then he gave all the information to Steve to look over he did find the whole sticking point is that when the Water Resources Board asks Romeo is anyone going to tie off this line within the next seven years. The answer from Romeo was no then it says however after that period they may be taken case-by-case basis that is his sticking point is they ask Romeo from the Water Resources Board the next seven years if they want to tie in. The answer from Romeo is no, however it is case by case it is where it is standing right now. Mr. Benoit said he believes in his mind Romeo wanted to supply more water but his vision was different. He talk to PUC and he did not know it was included in Romeo said some day it will sell.

Acting Superintendent Mendes said he does not mind to give him water it is just that it does not make sense. If he runs 25,000 feet of 3 inches pipe to Anchor Auto and after 7 years with all the businesses they have there. Therefore, if one of them by pass and if one ask and we say yes how can they say no to the rest and everyone is on the well. He had asks him that question and he said he had no idea but it was a dedicated line but it is not a dedicated line. They just have to tap that from Anchor Auto and charge 5% from their annual intake from Providence they cannot go over 10%. If they go over 10% if will be from the supplier if it will go up every year. If they go over 10,000 gallon just throwing this and 10% of that is outside of the town and now it is all different ball game. If all those people want water but most of the businesses he does not know how much they will consume to charge at 10%. How can they tell them they cannot have it if they are going to open it they have to have a dedicated line? Mr. Benoit explain for the tenants, he thinks that is what Romeo had in mind with these 5%, he cannot speak for him probably was the rules change he just wanted to have the ability at the infrastructure changes it was not his

option. Acting Superintendent Prescott stated he understand that it was Romeo's idea but the fire hydrant; they were two fire hydrants they were taken off. Mr. Benoit replied he understand it was in the public zone. Acting Superintendent Prescott explain that if that was going to end up a public line then the fire hydrants would of made send for the water service. If he made a water service from the street to his house and then seven years later, he says the person next door can tap into his service. It just does not make any sense that is what has brought them here today to see if the Board of Commission want to service outside their borders. Mr. Benoit expressed that the PUC solely to supply Anchor Subaru after 7 years. Acting Superintendent Prescott explain that the question was asked by the Water Resources Board does one was going to be tied on this line and Romeo replied no. However, it will be on a case by case you cannot do that. Commissioner Sliney replied he would say no. Acting Superintendent Prescott express it is a dedicated line or is not a dedicated line. Mr. Benoit replied well Romeo never said that and the decision was solely to have a water line. Acting Superintendent Prescott stated he could not say it is his service then 7 years or so down the road it can be taken case by case. Commissioner Sliney said Walker Loft he owns it so the person want it to tap in in it is his. Mr. Benoit stated again that he thinks he wanted to provide possibility to do that. Acting Superintendent Prescott expressed he knew that. Mr. Benoit said that it all started he had a well for 6 months and he was in trouble he needed to shut it down. He could not afford to have it shut down and he spent a lot of money to get to feed the well he took that whole property he got a temporary fix on that just so tomorrow that can be all gone. He just wanted to keep it going he is also ok with the dedicated line that was his whole intention the whole time. In addition, the decision made he is assuming the discussion this is the first he is hearing for the 7 years.

Acting Superintendent Prescott question what was his estimate usage. William Lavery from Casali Engineering replied he thinks the PUC submitted 10,000 gallons for an estimate, which is a higher side. Acting Superintendent Prescott stated he tried to look at it before he came in to the meeting. Casally Engineering relayed it was a septic size which was 6,000 they also has a great water system but the demand was more than septic. Acting Superintendent Prescott relayed it is really a matter of two things so he asks Mr. Benoit if he wants to service outside the borders. Therefore, do they want to service their own private service, which is an 8" line? Nobody else can tie of it at any point of time. Unless he wants to sell it. Mr. Benoit expressed he does not know he is not a problem solver. Acting Superintendent Prescott explained he does not have anything against all the businesses he just does not think it is feasible. He also thinks that it is just going to create more problems for the Water Commission to spend coming out of Anchor Auto how can take it case by case they have to tell the guy that it is at 10,000 feet down on 146 they have to put that line in. Now someone wants to tie in and if it is for him, it has to be just for him. Acting Chair Labreche expressed she does not know if she is thinking properly but on case by case they do ok this. Then somebody down the line comes up they may not be able to at some point where they are at with the water supply. Acting Superintendent Prescott said exactly that is part of it. Would they have the possibility to supply all these people? That is the talk that is behind case by case how they calculate that. In addition, they are in the process of getting more water so they cannot supply everyone like he said

they are going to run into problems they go over that 10% from the annual on the intake from Providence to handle from the PUC. It is a completely different ball game. Mr. Benoit asks if they are looking for water since they have so much supply of water. Acting Superintendent Prescott replied no any development that comes across on the table has to have an analysis done by Pare Engineering he is hoping to keep track much more of supplying every year. Mr. Benoit expressed the good news is that the decision was case by case for him to do that if they wanted to do that and say they do not have that availability he guesses that their choice. However, for him nothing will happen without their approval so why close their door on him that more things will be changed. Since ultimately they have something to say as to what can and cannot happen in the future why take away that flexibility because maybe 10% will go up to 15% every month he does not mind he is just thinking why slamming the door on potential if they could serve the well. Therefore, as long as they have control over that decision they did all the work for him as he is sitting and thinking about it. Acting Superintendent Prescott stated they are just in a position now if someone did want so let say he had his service for one year and someone says to him he has a water main down there. Moreover, says they would like to tie into it and then somebody else comes along so they do not have that ability to continue to service all these people. They are struggling which he means they are keeping an eye on the need of supply in their own town. Maybe in 2030 it will be a different story. There are so many places they can get water from Providence, Pawtucket, Woonsocket. Commissioner Fox said to Mr. Benoit he has been here for 7 years he has never heard about this and Romeo has never brought it up to them if he did he might have said that Anchor Subaru looking for water. The second thing if he put the pipe in, he will own the pipe in and if they were any problems who would be digging that up, who would be servicing it so that would be another problem. Therefore 7 or 8 years from now other people might want to tie in to it but he could see lawsuit and attorney fees he thinks they would want to reflect on them also. He would wish to have all the water in the world he cannot say that he is in favor of this thing. It seems to be a nightmare and he just sees problems right from the get go to the end. Mr. William Lavery from Casali Engineering relayed when they meet a year ago, they discuss that for their legal pay for Lincoln Water for the maintenance of the line. Acting Superintendent Prescott replied no he does not think they discussed who were going to be in charge for the maintenance and they discuss to put high-density poly as oppose to ductile iron pipes with the entire joint. So that way it will be one solid line from their town to his building, they would not be any joint. Commissioner Fox stated so his thing is if they would tie in now they have road repairs, it is more. Acting Superintendent Prescott relayed he is not saying there is nothing wrong with it but that is what they discuss. Mr. Benoit relayed he thought that it was only to tie in that is all the paperwork in his mind and again that is what Romeo. Mr.

Mr. Lavery from Casali Engineering said he does not remember what they discuss if the private line for them will be service only to them they will construct and install but they can own it that is what he can take on. Mr. Benoit stated they were asking how they want to have it. Acting Superintendent Prescott explain that it will be a discussion that they will have with their legal team. Mr. Benoit relayed so his question will be because they got caught fast today and what he would prefer they speak among themselves and table it and

he can come back. So they can be better prepared and more organized he is ok with that. He rather them to be prepared and he got a lot of work and lot of years so it will fair to him and to them. Therefore, everybody can be caught up. Acting Superintendent Prescott said right it was a great discussion to open it up so the Commission were not aware of was going on. Mr. Lavery from Casali Engineering said the PUC was involved with Romeo and the Water Commission. Commissioner Fox expressed the problem was Romeo did not speak to anyone at all. Mr. Benoit said does not he has a report because he was involved to do this. So he does not know, he is surprised how far down the road they are and this step was missed he is blow away. He wants to stand at what he said and they can make comments, questions put them together and he can go over them and come back. They can address them to see if they can a common ground of making this happen he thinks right now he might not try asking too much and he does not want to do that. He does not want to blow is chances. Mr. Benoit asks if they can get some question ready and they can provide them with it and he is sure they have questions. If they needs two months and talk about it or they can do it off line and come back, he does not know how it works. Commissioner Fox explain that they can put it together and give it to Lewis so he can contact him. Therefore, when he comes to the meeting he will have the questions and can answer them. Mr. Benoit stated if they think they can do it. Acting Superintendent Prescott stated it would give them an opportunity to discuss it. Commissioner Fox relayed they will put something together and Lewis can contact him and they will put him on the agenda for the next meeting. Acting Chair Labreche relayed that they will put him on the next meeting in July. Mr. Benoit thanked the board.

Motion to table it and put Mr. Benoit on the next month meeting in July passed unanimously (EdF/EdS)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed unanimously. (EdF/LL)

The following items were approved with the consent agenda for the June 9, 2021 meeting:

Capital Accounts –May 2021

Account Transaction Report – May 2021

The meeting returned to the regular order of business.

January 13, 2021 – EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Acting Chair Labreche relayed that the May 12, 2021 minutes were not available. - Table it until the next meeting

February 19, 2021 – EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Acting Chair Labreche relayed that the minutes were available. –Mr. Antonucci relayed because of the length of the document it is appropriate to allow the Commission to review them at their leaser. They can mark those document were they see any inaccuracy they would like to have changed so they can make the appropriate amendment at the next

meeting. He agrees with her and have everybody sitting here for the board to read all 50 pages in the interest of keeping the meeting moving at the interest of time. He thinks that is appropriate he thinks they can do that. Therefore, they can do that at the appropriate time. Acting Chair Labreche, relayed Anna has them and they can take them home the February 19, 2021 executive minutes. Mr. Antonucci stated he thinks it is in appropriate and as long everybody is in agreement that way they can read them and approved them at the next meeting he thinks it is fine.

March 10, 2021 – EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Acting Chair Labreche relayed that the minutes were not available. - Table it until the next meeting

April 14, 2021 – EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Acting Chair Labreche relayed that the minutes were not available. – Table it until the next meeting

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT OF DAILY ACTIVITY

Assistant to the Superintendent Prescott stated he had few items that he would like to relay:

- He is happy to report to Madam Chair that the hydrant was repaired.
- The crew have been working on some new services, install a couple new ones the other day and they have been working on inventory control. And checking curb stop and repairing curb stop
- They have been inspected the Development across the street Cullen/Wipple Development that is run by Kenneth Bock
- The usual ground keeping station site and maintenance
- Josh and Garrett took their CDL exam again because their permit expired so Josh got his permit but Garrett has to go back to take his general knowledge he passed the toughest part of it the air break. He has to go back to do the general knowledge and he will get it the next time. Commissioner Fox relayed Josh got his permit. Acting Superintendent Prescott explained that Josh did not get it the first time he did not get enough practice but he had ask Jim to have Joe taking him to learn how to drive.
- The CCR report he sent it to the EPA to the Rhode Island Department of Health to review and hope he will have in the mail to the customers. It has to be on customer's hand before July 1.
- He is still working on the RRA the emergency response plan and Pare Engineering has completed their end. He is waiting on Cyber Security portion of it thru their contractor from Vertikal 6. They indicated to him it may not be ready for June and he relayed it has to be done by June or he needs some documentation that he will need to give to the EPA so they do not get a violation.
- There is a new Development behind the Lincoln Mall and they have requested some water. He is doing a hydraulic analysis on that and he is going to send it to Pare

Engineering. It is behind the Mall called Lincoln Commons and it is going to be 100 Units.

- There also is another Development he thinks that he talked about it. In addition, it is going to be in Manville and it is a Town Place they would like to put 14 Townhouses Condos and 20 Condos units. Pare Engineering already has that hydraulic analysis. Commissioner Sliney asks where it is going to be. Acting Superintendent Prescott replied on the top of Reservoir Avenue and there is a dead end street built into that street then up at that left side. That is where they want to do the development that is why he was saying to Mr. Benoit. Therefore, he does not know how far down the road in the future they will be able to supply. They have to do it and get water for all these development in the town and they have to come up to a point where they are going to say listen they cannot do it anymore. They also going to have to tell them they need to get more water but he is going to still going to talk to Pawtucket. There is another one on Bouvier Avenue from a couple years ago.
- Lastly Jim and he went on to investigate Conduit Street therefore it is on the agenda they can discuss that when they get to that point under New Business.

Motion to accept the Superintendent's report passed unanimously (EdF/LL)

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The May 2021 operating and revenue report was presented to the Board for approval.

Motion to accept the expenditure and revenue report for the month of May 2021 passed unanimously (EdF/LL)

FINANCIAL REPORT TO TOWN FINANCE DIRECTOR

Motion to send the May 2021 financial status report summary to the Town Finance Director passed unanimously. (EdS/LL)

OUTSTANDING BALANCE REPORT

Commissioner Fox said Anna this account report looks better. Ms. Nascimento replied yes it does look better than the other account report.

The May 2021 Account Balance report was presented to the Board for approval.

Motion to accept the Account Balance Report for the month of May 2021 passed unanimously. (EdF/LL)

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve the capital accounts report for the month of May 2021 was passed unanimously. (EdF/LL)

MONTHLY INVOICES

Motion to approve payment of the May 2021 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$184,841.65 as well as Direct Payments in the amount of \$313,892.34 passed unanimously. (EdF/LL)

ABATEMENTS-

Monthly Abatements were passed unanimously. (EdS/LL)

ACCOUNT TRANSACTION REPORT

The Account Transaction Report was passed with the Consent Agenda and will be placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Procurement for a New Postage Machine for In House Billing

Ms. Nascimento relayed that Commissioner Fox requested to see how much they could save if they purchase the new postage machine. In addition, they are doing the commercial account billing in-house but the residential account billing are done by Cathedral, which they are the third party biller. Commissioner Sliney asks how much are they spending right now. Ms. Nascimento replied we spent \$12,000 and if they purchase the new postage machine, they are only saving \$200. The Salesperson from Quadient explain to her that by renting the machine it will be easier to replace instead of purchasing a new postage machine. Commissioner Sliney stated they are not saving much money if they were few more thousand he would understand so they do not need to change it. Ms. Nascimento explain in the long way if they would like to upgrade to a new one it will be cheaper.

Acting Chair Labreche said she apologize and asks she is not sure if they need to vote on this item. It was on the Consent Agenda and they discussed it. Therefore, she is unsure on how to handle this vote. Mr. Antonucci replied he thinks they can remove it from the consent agenda and they can have a discussion on it they can oversight first time to go.

Motion to remove correspondence 9a from the consent agenda passed unanimously (EdF/LL)

Motion to disregard the purchase of new postage machine and keep Cathedral third party billing processing the water bills passed (EdF/LL)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

a. Draft Budget FY 21-22

Acting Chair Labreche, relayed unfinished business is the Draft Budget FY 21-22. Commissioner Fox expressed he look at it and asks all the correction were made. Ms. Nascimento relayed she made the changes per the Board's request.

Motion to approve the Budget FY 21-22 passed unanimously (EdF/LL)

NEW BUSINESS

- c. Josh Giuliano, Citizens Annual Investment Review
- d. Rob Benoit, Anchor Subaru Auto

Motion to move 11a and 11b the front of the agenda passed unanimously (EdF/EdS)

- e. 69 Arnold St, 48 Conduit St and 48-70 Conduit St

Acting Superintendent Prescott relayed that in the last meeting the Commissioners wanted to send Mr. Estrada a termination notice at his residence on Cobble Hill Road. He does not live on any other addresses so what they discuss the last month so he thinks that Steve stated he was going to look into it to see if there was anything else, they could do besides sending them a termination notice. He did not send him a termination notice because he only owed approximately \$280 but he only sends \$100 a month toward that bill and \$10 every two weeks. He also find out he is not on a payment plan also how can they send him a termination notice if he only owes \$280 at Cobble Hill Road. How is that going to open the door to get their \$13,000 it is not going to work therefore they cannot shut his water off and if he calls and if he pays the \$280. Do they tell him that he owes Lincoln Water Commission another \$13,000? In addition, they need to come up with a plan and they need to come up with an idea how they will need to handle these accounts. He is willing to send him a termination notice but the office does not know how they should handle that. Do they tell him he needs to pay 69 Arnold Street, 48 Conduit Street and 48-70 Conduit Street in addition 69 Arnold Street is vacant he redid the outside 2 years ago it is not habited he does not have any water system. Acting Chair Labreche stated there was some talk about his brother. Acting Superintendent Prescott replied his brother lives behind the house #69, it is 69 and 69A Arnold Avenue they are two building in that property his brother always pays his water bill. Therefore he is on a separate service and originally they were both on the same service to make the story short it was taken care of he made him to put a meter pit in so he set the line to 69A for his brother so he has his own water service. The house in question has no longer have a water service it has been cut and cap so no one lives there so they cannot send any service there, Conduit St he guesses the firelines have been shut off. Ms. Nascimento explain that per the owner's request to shut off his firelines so in his mind because they shut them off so he does not have to pay his outstanding balances. Acting Superintendent Prescott relayed so he thinks he does not have to pay any of the outstanding balances how would they like him to pay the \$13,000 he is not going to turn on any water on these properties. The only one he can turn on is 48 Conduit Street, which is in the Millyard. Commissioner Sliney questioned if they can put a lien on the property and lock it down. Acting Superintendent Prescott expressed he does not think they can put a lien on his property so they are two houses in that one lot in addition that house is not going to be occupied soon. Commissioner Fox stated he has a question for the Solicitor that they talk about the last time about the lien, he knows he owes the money because he is paying \$10 and the bill is approximately \$200 and is giving only \$10. Therefore, he is not trying to pay it all. Ms. Nascimento asks to speak and relayed that as of June 9 he made a \$110 payment so his remaining balance is only \$94.90 so she received two check from him one for \$10 another check for \$100 both paid on June 7. She is thinking because Jim and Lewis were there to inspect the property and probably someone must told him that he owes money. Commissioner Fox wanted to

ask the Solicitor if he is paying, also he knows he owes money it is as if he keeps paying interest he cannot stop paying. For example, if it is an auto loan he stop paying the interest they will repossessed the auto obviously he is not thinking of paying anything. Acting Superintendent Prescott relayed that \$94.90 only pertained to 19 Cobble Hill Road, which is the property he lives in. Acting Chair Labreche expressed if Steve can help them with this matter.

Mr. Antonucci relayed that at Mr. Fox's request on the last meeting he did some research on that so he puts a couple of thought as far as Cobble Hill Road where he reside he does appears he is making payments. In addition, he has a balance down to \$94.90 he thinks they should continue to work with him to try that outstanding balance paid in full. With regards the other three properties it is apparent until they take some actions to try to force his hand he is not likely to pay. What they will need to do is to fill a claim against the superior court then once they will get a judgement they can asks the judge to force a lien. Therefore, it is a process they will need to take to do that and if is it something they want him to do that he will happy to get that process going. They can fill proper paperwork at the superior court and then involve the complaint on those things that will force him on the table. I hope that he will come to a resolution to get these outstanding bills to be paid and if he cannot they will have to ask a judgement, which is most likely. It was clear that he has received the bills and has not paid one to Lincoln Water. So it is clear that they get a judgement and then they can get that judge to reinforce if it is not then ask that the lien which it will be likely to be granted on those three properties delinquent on the water. Commissioner Sliney and Acting Chair Labreche are both in favor of Mr. Antonucci advice.

Motion to have the Town Solicitor to file the claim in the Superior Court passed unanimously (EdF/EdS)

f. Discussing to Paint and to Flush Hydrant

Acting Chair Labreche relayed the last item is discussing to paint and to flush hydrant. Commissioner Fox expressed that he had asked Anna to put this item on the agenda if they go thru the town the fire hydrants look terrible. Therefore, in the past, they have always hired a college kid and the last time they had men he thinks they need to put someone on soon to start painting the hydrants. He question Lewis do they flush them also. Acting Superintendent Prescott replied yes, they flush them also paint them. Commissioner Fox explained because they are getting worst and worst. So his next question to Anna if they do carry money in the budget but they put it under another line item did they do that. Ms. Nascimento replied it is under detail 220, so if he look at the second page 2 it will be under Maintenance for hydrants there is \$40,000 budgeted. In addition, the line item was increased by \$5,000. Commissioner Sliney said they have to hire someone and he think they should get a retired person for 20 hours a week to paint them. In addition, college kid does not work and they all know that. Commissioner Fox stated before they run an ad to do that in the Valley Breeze or something. He thinks somebody know someone who would like the job. Commissioner Sliney said the crew should be able to flush them.

Acting Superintendent Prescott replied they do not have the time to send the crew to flush the hydrants. So usually, they send the kid out and show him how to do it all he has to do is to remove the steal portal open the hydrant flush it out a little bit. Commissioner Sliney asks would he know if there is something wrong with the hydrants. Acting Superintendent Prescott explain that on some of them they cannot turn on or they might open it does not work it could be any problems such as the cap is missing. Then they can kill two bird in one stone by blowing the water and put the cap back on then paint the hydrant. Commissioner Sliney expressed they have to move on with it since the summer is half over. Commissioner Fox stated why they do not give it a week to find somebody to do it on their own and if they cannot just put an ad on the paper. He rather got somebody that they know already knows the job. Ms. Nascimento explained last summer that they had the intern do each week flushing hydrants and do landscaping. Acting Superintendent Prescott explained that they do not have the time. Acting Chair Labreche asks if they know how much the pay rate for this position is. Ms. Nascimento replied she believe they were paid \$15 per hour there was also two part-time intern. Acting Superintendent Prescott relayed one time they had hired one independent contractor they had their own truck, which was Mike Romoli, and they used to pay him \$20 per hydrant, he was paid \$20 per hydrant and he used to go out and do them. Therefore they can do it both ways either hired an independent contractor or pay him \$20 per hour or \$25 per hydrant. Commissioner Fox said they could give him the option if they want to be paid by the hydrant or by the hour. Acting Superintendent Prescott relayed if they hire him on the payroll then they will need to supply him with a vehicle since they cannot let him use his own vehicle due to liability. Commissioner Fox said they hired Mike he used his own vehicle. Acting Superintendent Prescott said he had his own vehicle since he was an independent contractor he also got a 1099 every year. Commissioner Fox said again let them just take a week to find someone and they cannot they will run an ad in the paper. Acting Superintendent Prescott stated if they hire summer help and put them on the payroll, he or she would need something so they can drive, as they know they got rid of two trucks. Commissioner Sliney said you people gave them to the school department. Acting Chair Labreche asks is there enough truck so they can us. Ms. Nascimento replied no, there are not enough truck. Acting Superintendent Prescott relayed it is a nice job for a student if he wants to work for the summer that is how they used to do it. Acting Chairman Labreche stated if they do not have a truck to give them how can they hire the person.

Motion to hire someone to flush and paint the hydrants within a week or to put an ad on the Valley Breeze unanimously passed (EdF/EdS)

g. Chairman Resignation

Acting Chair Labreche explained that she received an email from Eric Fox requesting to resign effective June 2ⁿ and he has served for the past 9 years and she read the email to the Commissioners. Commissioner Fox expressed he would like to send Eric a small plaque also in the future and every time someone has done something with the board and send them a letter from the Board of Commission since he remembers he has been on the board. He also remembers when Eric was in the board after six months of the meeting he came to him and stated he needed to run since this place was out of control. He does not

know if anyone where on that time so he did that they also used to have the meeting at the Lincoln Water Department and they were hectic. They had crackers, cheese, sodas and coffee and everybody were talking. They also had no Roberts Rules Eric was the one who created it also there was no Rules & Regulations it was just a meeting. He also thinks Eric work very hard with the people in the Town Hall to get everything working together. They all know what he did recently with the Superintendent and working with the Solicitor Steve they also praise him how he did it. It comes to a life when it is time to step down so he think he reached that point so they should send him a plaque. Ms. Nascimento expressed she can order a place from B & M Printing. Commissioner Fox said that it only his thinking he just saw how he started and how it is now. Acting Superintendent Prescott relayed he agree with all Mr. Fox said. Commissioner Sliney stated he is on board with him.

CLAIMS –

a. Organic Dyes and Pigments LLC – 1 Crownmark Drive

Acting Chair Labreche said they are moving to organic dyes and pigments LLC for 1 Crownmark Drive. Acting Superintendent Prescott relayed explained it is still an ongoing case with the insurance company. They wanted him to write a statement but he has not had the time and he was not even involved in this to be honest. Now he needs to write what he understand a statement describing what happened there was a power outage up in that area it has been happening numerous time. When the power came back, there was a power surge and someone has to be put in the task. What he believes that happened was the power came back on it damaged a very expensive ups system battery backup that they have at the new high service tank because the power went out. The tank did not have the ability to transmit the signal to the pumping station to tell the pump to shut off so as a result the tank kept of overflowing. Therefore, at it happened the easement was being redeemed and made his way thru the parking lot at the 1 Crownmark Drive and made its way to the doors he does not know what he has inside but it is all kind of storage. However, he is going to write something up to the insurance company to the Trust and right away. What needed to be done it was to replace the unit in the road and there was nothing else to be done. It was at the same time as the power outage there is no way around for anything else to happen than a power surge. In addition, that is what he needs to send to the Trust and right now, as he understand they are looking for \$10,000. Tomorrow, he will be writing a statement and sent it to them, that should be the last of it since Jim has given his statement. Acting Chair Labreche said ok and thanked Lewis.

NEWS ARTICLES

a. None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session (EdF/LL). Roll Call: Commissioner Long – yes, Commissioner Fox – yes, Commissioner Labreche – yes, Commissioner Sliney – yes.

Motion to come out of Executive Session (EdF/LL)

Motion to seal the minutes of Executive Session according to RIGL 42-46-7 (C) passed unanimously. (EdS/LL)

Motion on the Solicitor to act and approve what was discussed in Executive Session (EdS/LL)

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously. (EdF/LL)

There being no further business before the board the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.