

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 2:30 P.M. on
January 10, 2024 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Dan Lavoie and Shaun Murphy, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on December 13, 2023 were not available for approval.

Administrator's Report

Ray reported to the Commissioners on the lack of any progress in securing DES' approval for the District's groundwater injection project. He said that of all the test results taken on the site, only two exceeded the nitrate maximum reading of ten – one at 13 and another at 15. All other tests were at or below ten. Ray suggested that DES' position on the project seems to be using the test results as an argument for forcing the District to institute major upgrades of the plant. The report by DPC Engineers presented three alternative upgrade scenarios, ranging from \$8.8 to \$24.9 million.

Ray plans to put together a letter to DES that illustrates the impact of the District's embarking on such an ambitious upgrade. He will also point out the separation that exists between the District and the Town, insofar as financial assistance could be forthcoming from the Town of Warner. It was suggested to enlist the help of Joe Damour in making the arguments to DES since he manages a number of small systems in New Hampshire.

Dan recommended asking John Warzocha to identify ways the District could make some improvements to deal with the nitrates problem.

Ray advised that he has received a communication from The Local restaurant about dirty water recently that forced them to close the business on two days last week. Ray said he had visited the restaurant but didn't test the water. The event that was the cause of the problem was the change-over of wells, causing a small amount of iron to be released into the water supply. Apart from the restaurant, only one other customer reported anything wrong. The Local has requested the District compensate the business for expenses and lost revenue for those two days at \$6,900. The Commissioners were not in favor of agreeing to this proposal. Ray will follow up with the restaurant owner.

Ray reviewed the end of year financial report. He said expenses for the year were \$42,729 below budget.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

The next Commissioners meeting will be on January 24 at 3:30 P.M.

Recorded by James F. McLaughlin, Clerk