

# **Town of Milford – Board of Water Commissioners**

## **Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2023**

### **Meeting Called to Order – 3:15 PM.**

In attendance were: Chairman Jonathan Bruce, member Jamie Luchini, and member Philip Ciaramicoli. Also in attendance were Water Department General Manager David Condrey, and Consultant Gerald M. Moody, Esq.

### **Agenda Items**

- A. **Approval of Minutes** - Minutes of September 19, 2023 were reviewed and unanimously approved the members. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
- B. **Receivables Commitment** - The Board heard from General Manager as to the September water billings, those billings being in the amount of \$661,979.49. The members indicated their approval of the committed amounts.
- C. **Approval of Expenditures and Budget Discussion** – The following payroll and bills payable warrants were reviewed:

#### Payroll:

24 – 13	\$23,929.53
24 – 14	\$22,118.22
24 – 15	\$22,107.85
24 – 16	\$23,586.85

A motion was made by Mr. Luchini, seconded by Mr. Ciaramicoli to approve as indicated above and it was unanimously so voted.

#### Bills payable:

24 – 13	\$244,449.78
24 – 14	\$93,358.11

**\$255,181.98**

\$41,616.29

After discussion of several items, it was moved by Mr. Luchini, seconded by Mr. Ciaramicoli and unanimously voted to approve the bills payable as set forth above.

- D. **Update on Discussion with Highway Surveyor on Department Responsibility as to Work on Roadways** – General Manager Condrey indicated that there had been no further discussions since the last meeting in regard to this issue although he anticipates further discussions with the Highway Surveyor and matters can be coordinated and worked out. Mr. Condrey will report to the Commission as to any progress in this regard.
- E. **Water Department Manager on any Operational Issues** – The Manager initially reviewed the status of the Echo Lake reservoir. The reservoir is about 30% higher than at this time last year but not at full capacity. Echo Lake, of course, is the supply that is most utilized in the supply of water.

As to the Godfrey Brook Project the capacity still has not been maximized. There are 2 wells still to be activated. The Department will be working with DEP in the future on these matters. The Manager also discussed issues which continue to exist on the Godfrey Brook Project in relation to the work of RH White Construction Company and the relationship to Tata & Howard. The Manager hopes, in working with those parties, that these matters can be resolved successfully. The Manager will report on future progress on these matters.

The Manager discussed the continuing monitoring as to PFA's. Working with Kleinfelder the Department has filed the necessary paperwork with the Commonwealth to be put on the list for potential

grant funding to cover PFA treatment installation. The Department will be looking to fund approximately \$200,000 in next years budget by way of a warrant article which may be able to be taken from ARPA funds. This will be further discussed with the Finance Director. The Manager informed the Commission that the Emergency, Non-Emergency on call service bids have been posted and there is a bid opening scheduled on November 3, 2023 at 9am. The Manger will report the results of that bid opening to the Commissioners.

The Manager reported on the progress in relation to the Dilla Street Wells Project. T&H has filed a final pump report with the Massachusetts DEP along with final plans for pump installation. The current approved withdrawal rate is 675,000 gallons per day. Bid documents are based off pump test results for sizing of pumps and motors but are subject to change per DEP approval. The Bid opening is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 P.M.

The Manager reported on the continued work on the Echo Lake Dam Project being undertaken by PARE who continue to work on the final plans and documents that will be necessary for bidding.

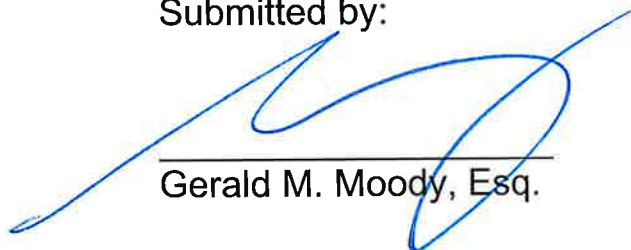
The Manager reported about the blown motor on the CASE Skid Steer. The Contractor has finally communicated with the Manager and there has been some discussion. The Contractor is going to further look into the matter and see what adjustments can be made as to labor costs. The Manager will report any progress in this regard.

- F. **Capital Projects** – The Manager essentially reported on the capital projects status in the course of his discussion of his managers' report which is on file herewith. There was nothing further to be added in relation to that report.
- G. **Old Business**: The Commission members did not have any old business to be discussed.

- H. **Executive Session**: To consider employment contracts of departmental personnel.

The Chairman asked for a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated. Member Luchini made the motion, seconded by member Ciaramicoli and it was unanimously voted on a roll call vote to go into Executive Session for the stated purpose. The Chairman announced that the Commission would not be returning to open session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Submitted by:



Gerald M. Moody, Esq.

APPROVED:



Jonathan M. Bruce,  
Chairman