

North Hero Water Board Meeting
Monday – August 12, 2019 6:30 p.m.
North Hero Town Office Meeting Room

In attendance: Water Board – Bryan McCarthy, Andy Alling, Jim Blandino, Rob Cunningham and
Larry Dupont

Water Board Clerk - Jo-Ann Tier

SOS - not in attendance at this meeting

NH Town Clerk/Treasurer - not in attendance at this meeting

Guest - Claire LaVoie, Kenney Bassett (6:45 pm.)did not sign guest list sheet)

living at 1455 Blockhouse Point Road

Joe Poquette (6:55 p.m) - guest list sheet not signed)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Dupont at 6:30 p.m.

ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

Board Discussion/Action - Bidding process review for Water Plant AA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES for July 08, 2019

Jim Blandion made a motion to accept the minutes of July 08, 2019 as read. This motion
being seconded by Rob Cunningham.. hearing no further discussion.. motion was carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANT for August 12, 2019

The warrant for August 12th, with invoices attached, in the amount of \$19,950.39 was circulated
for Board review and approval.

Bryan McCarthy made a motion to approve the warrant of August 12, 2019 in the amount of
\$19,950.39. This motion was seconded by Rob Cunningham.. hearing no further discussion..
this motion was carried 5-0.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Kenney Bassett and Clarie LaVoie - 1455 Blockhouse Point Road

Question being asked = “ who is responsible for a private line” and
“who is responsible for the repairs of a private line”.

Discussion took place on the adopted North Hero Policy of July 29, 2013.

The language used for number 1 - a.b.c. was referenced.

The Board agreed to continue this discussion at the September meeting after they had a
chance to review minutes of June/July 2013 and the Private Water Line Main Line only
Maintenance Repair Policy adopted on April 9, 2018. Note: the notation at the bottom
of this policy adopted April 9, 2018 reads... (Replaces Water Line Repair Policy Adopted –
North Hero Water Board Meeting July 29, 2013).

The following policies were referenced during the evening discussion by the Board.

- Criteria for acceptance of an existing private waterline by the Water Board
- Required actions by the Private Water line owners

A recommendation to the folks at 1455 Blockhouse Point was to check their rebate paperwork.

Note – For clarification purposes - at no time during this discussion was it referenced by K. Bassett and/or C LaVoie that an attorney was consulted on a water leak issue affecting 1455 Blockhouse Point Road years ago.

REPORTS

SOS

Not in attendance this evening.

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

The report from the Town Clerk/Treasurer was circulated to the Board for their review.

This report included:

- Water Reserve Fund – balance Sheet – per 2
- Budget Status Report - per 2

The Board agreed that all is tracking nicely – with no further discussion necessary.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

Dedicated pump for filter 5

Andy reported that a decision has been reached for a dedicated pump.

Northland Boat Shop .. update

The SOS report of August 9, 2019 was referenced – bullet number 5 .. “Harry Parker called on behalf of Paul Clark to find out about the Northland service line. It sounds like Paul is going to put the law office building on the market”

It appears Emily is looking for an easement for the service line. She would rather run through the existing service line then put a new line down her road.

Bryan reported that a date of September 1, 2019 was given to Emily to get in touch with The Water Board as to what is going to happen.

Board agreed on the September 1, 2019 date. Future agenda item.

Filter update

An a.m. conference took place with West Tech and others – discussion centered around “how is it all going to work”. A review is now being taken on the data shared and within 2 weeks more info will be forthcoming. Future Agenda Item.. AA

Request to have water testing posted to town website

A request from Bev Poquette in an e.mail of August 7, 2019 to Pete Johnson..

A brief discussion took place..

... 2 links are available for this information – Kevin will be asked to give Town Clerk Office the information on the links.

Note: it would be that office decision if this would be on their web site

... our Emergency Alert System could be activated if a problem should exist.

.. Yearly invoice billing inserts info on the North Hero Water System – VT0020562 Consumer Confidence Report mailed out to the water users shares information.

Note: email from Pete Johnson.. dated Tuesday, August 13th.. indicated the following:

FYI.. the Cyanobacteria Tracker has been available on the town website since mid-July. This is a comprehensive quick link suggested by the Health Department.

Our actual water test results would not be posted unless the WB adopts a policy to that affect,

Note: e.mail from Pete Johnson attached to the minutes of this meeting. .

Private Water Line Transfer.. Waterline and Utilities Record Drawing – Poquette Property Project 09210/17282 = Krebs/Lansing Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Paperwork received from Joe and Bev Poquette .. 1. Waterline and Utilities Record Drawing
2. Signed Easement Deed.

A review took place of the waterline and utilities drawing. Potential of 6 users.

Chair Larry Dupont read through the Easement Deed received numbers 1 through 10.

It was noted that Joe and Bev should stop into the Town Clerk's to add Lot 1 to 136 Pine Grove Circle... to number 2 of the Easement Deed with signatures and date needed.

Bryan McCarthy made a motion that the Board move to accept this Easement Deed submitted (with Lot number 1 to be added to number 2 of the Easement Deed). Motion was seconded by Andy Alling.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Note: paperwork taken to the Town Clerk for filing on August 13, 2019 by Jo-Ann Tier

Bidding Process for the Water Plant

To place an ad in The ISLANDER for bids to complete the in-side of the Water Plant structure (winterize the facility, etc) was briefly discussed by Andy Alling

Bryan McCarthy moved to have an ad in The Islander which would ask for bids to be returned by September 2nd - with a Job completion date of December 20, 2019 and for Andy to meet with Pete Johnson for wording of this ad . This motion was seconded by A. Alling.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Maps

Larry shared that he did give SOS old maps that he had on past projects . No mention was made of a list of those maps given to Kevin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session not needed this evening

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

September 09, 2019, Monday, meeting agenda

Board discussion/action = Northland Boat - BM

- = Review clarification for the Private Water Line Maintenance Repair Policy – Board
- = Should Water Board adopt a policy for actual Water test results to be posted – per e.mail 8/13/19 e.mail from Pete Johnson
- = Filter update - AA

ADJOURNMENT

Bryan McCarthy made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:53 p.m. This motion was seconded by Jim Blandino.... Hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo-Ann Tier

C: Water Board: Jim Blandino/Rob Cunningham/Bryan McCarthy/Andy Alling/ Larry Dupont

SOS

Town Clerk/Treasurer

File

North Hero Web page

Attachment to the minutes:

SOS Reports:

Week ending July 12, 2019 Week ending August 02, 2019

Week ending July 19, 2019 Week ending August 09, 2019

Week ending July 26, 2019

=Check Warrant Report dated August 12, 2019

=Budget Status Report and Balance Sheet for period 2 August 12, 2019

=Water Reserve Fund

=E.mail to Pete Johnson from Bev Poquette requesting an agenda item – water testing posted in Town website.

=E.mail from Pete Johnson following the August 12, 2019 meeting.. for reference purposes.

=Copy of the Easement Deed approved by the Board this evening.

=Copy of the policy that was adopted by the Board on July 29, 2013.

