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# Town of Portland Water and Sewer Commission

April 8, 2024, Regular Meeting

Buck Foreman Community Center – Second Floor

265 Main Street, Portland, CT

**Members Present:** Jim Nursick, Dave Kuzminski, Jim McCabe

**Absent:** Rick Sharr, Dick Cote

**Also Present:** Ryan O’Halpin, Public Works Director; Jim Tripp, BOS Liaison

1. **Call to Order**

Dave Kuzminski called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Buck Foreman Community Center.

2. **Review & Approve Minutes of March 11, 2024, Meeting**

A motion was made by Jim Nursick, seconded by Jim McCabe to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024, meeting. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

3. **Correspondence and Communication:** None

4. **Report from Director**

Ryan O’Halpin stated that 9.67 million gallons received from MDC (\$51,628), 7.14 million gallons from the well, 16.8 million gallons total. The well was shut down twice during March and maintenance work was performed.

5. **Old Business**

**a. Development of an Alternate Water Source:** Ryan O’Halpin stated that GZA surveyed the wetlands in March, north of the RT17 Park. He received the documents from the survey, which included topo maps, distance from wetlands, etc. The proposed well will be 338 feet deep and there are several layers of clay to separate the water source from surface water. The plan is to have the well 200 feet from the wetlands so we are outside of the zone of influence. The well site suitability application was submitted to DPH for approval on April 3.

**b. Maintenance:**

**i. Water System**

- The **Russell Avenue project** is progressing. The new line will be tied into Main Street and new valves will soon be opened. All services are now running on the new line.
- **High Street Water Main Replacement:** The plan is to place the water line off the road on the north side of High Street. High Street has a wide right of way (25’), which will enable less digging in the road. The budget, after engineering, will be approximately \$520,000.

**ii. Sewer System:** The sewer plant clarifier project is progressing nicely; Clarifier 2 has been fitted with new parts and has been reassembled. The tank was filled on April 8 with clean water for testing. Clarifier 1 is set to be shut down on Monday, April 15 for construction.

**c. Meter Updates, Budget Rates:** No update. The budget will have a surplus.

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6. **Committee Reports/General Discussion:** None
7. **Public Comment:** Jim Tripp noted that the water and sewer operating funds still has some accumulated debt, but there was a significant decrease in the debt (by nearly one-third) over the past year.
8. **Adjournment**  
Dave Kuzminski made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim McCabe.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

**Next Meeting: May 13, 2024**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jon D'Arpino*  
Board Clerk