Water Commissioner's & Finance Committee February* Monthly Meeting January 25, 2017

Ken Morin, Chairman
Steve Call, Commissioner
Bruce Merriam, Commissioner
Michael Brown, Water Superintendent
Suzanne Leh, Clerk/Collector
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
Don Reid, Finance Committee
Jeff Hildreth

Ken Morin opened the meeting at 4:00pm. Bruce Merriam made the motion to accept the minutes of January 4, 2017 as printed. Steve Call seconded. All in Favor.

<u>Finance Committee</u> – Eileen shared that two new members have been sworn in. Don Reid and Alyson Chabot. Alyson was unable to make today's meeting. As only one finance committee member is present, Mike offered to meet with the members at any time if they have any questions regarding the proposed budget.

<u>Fiscal 18 Budget</u> – Proposed budget was reviewed and discussed line by line. No special articles were presented but there was discussion about building maintenance and moving money towards Well One. Free cash has not yet been certified. Water surplus is \$286,000. Only possible changes to budget would be to insurance and water analysis. Water analysis may change as Mike is waiting on sampling schedule from Mass DEP.

<u>Bridge of Names</u> – Bob and Linda Emond approached Kenny regarding the lighting of the bridge. They receive the Eversource bill for the light and personally pay. The bill should be coming to the Fire District and Kenny will let them know.

<u>Mass Save</u> – Jamie from Mass Save came to the office and assessed the building. Building is poorly designed and not insulated well. There would be a definite benefit from having insulation blown-in. A local contractor, Bryan Hobbs will be contacting us to come by and give an estimate to do work. Mass Save generally pays 50% and Berkshire Gas may also pay a part.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

*Due to scheduling conflicts in February, two meetings were held in January.