

**Charlestown Water/Wastewater Commissioners
Workshop Minutes
August 12, 2021 @ 5:00 pm
Community Room**

Commissioners present: Chairman Jeff Lessels, William Rescsanski, Shelly Blouin-Andrus, Jeremy Wood, Nany Houghton – All present in the Community Room.

Staff Present: Patricia Chaffee- Tax Collector/Town Clerk

Chairman Lessels opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

Chairman Lessels gave an update on the Water Interconnect project. At this time VHB will be about a month behind in getting the final plans completed. There have also been some updates in some of the grants that were applied for. Northern Borders Regional grant was denied. USDA has offered a low interest loan for the project. There is also the potential to apply for the Drinking Water Trust Fund and possible ARPA funds. There was a discussion on the timing of the project and how the financing or grants play a role. Mr. Wood voiced his concern about waiting to start the project as inflation is on the rise and looks like it will only continue to increase. Delays could increase costs largely. Other concerns were how to also cover other repairs and needs of the water department in addition to the loan or bond payment.

The Board also noted that the some of the ARPA funds that the Town received will be used toward project.

Mr. Wood made a motion to proceed with the USDA loan. Ms. Blouin-Andrus seconded the motion; motion passed. Ms. Chaffee will speak with Ms. Hadfield to see what the next steps are.

Mr. Rescsanski made a motion to enter non-public at 6:50 pm RSA 91-A:3 II (c-Reputations), Ms. Houghton seconded the motion and motion passed.

The Selectboard reconvened public session at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Rescsanski made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm; Ms. Blouin-Andrus seconded the motion and motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Chaffee, Recording Secretary

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William Rescsanski

Shelly Blouin-Andrus

Jeremy Wood

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RSA 91-A:3 II (a-Personnel)
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Staff Present: Patricia Chaffee – Recording Secretary

Chairman Lessels updated the Board on an employee's return to work date and that it has now been pushed out until October. Ms. Blouin-Andrus recommended putting an ad out for another water/wastewater employee in the event there are issues with the return to work. It was also noted that finding someone can take quite some time and it would be best to start now.

Mr. Rescsanski made a motion to reconvene public session at 7:00 pm, Mr. Wood seconded the motion and motion passed.

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