

**MERRIMACK VALLEY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2006
BEDFORD MEETING ROOM**

Present were: Karen White, (Research/Treasurer) Chairman Mike Scanlon (Bedford), Vice Chairman Brian McCarthy (Nashua), Tom Dolan (Londonderry) and Marilyn Peterman (Amherst).

Chairman Scanlon said as we do not have a quorum this will be a non-meeting, but we will use it as a Work session and opened the non-meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Chairman Scanlon reported to the District about their visit to Pelham and he felt it was a very productive meeting. Ms. White stated that Pelham's biggest concern was Pennichuck Water Works and how they would remain in the District and how the District planned to acquire their asset. We have thought about several strategies and first we need to see how the PUC determines it is eminent domain or one of the options. The future is too unsure to outline a strategy right now. Chairman Scanlon said down the road things will progress. Ms. White said Guy Jean called at 2 p.m. and said he would not be there.

Chairman Scanlon asked Brian and Marilyn about Amherst. Mr. McCarthy said they asked about how the District would function. Ms. Peterman said last years budget was approved and it went in, but there is some confusion as to which year it went in and what budget it went into Gary was going to see if that allocation was paid. Ms. White questioned the 2000 budget, the budget in effect in July 2006. Mr. Dolan said FY 2007. Ms. Peterman said yes 2007. Ms. White said that is what we are billing for 2007 and that Amherst wanted the District Directors to show a budget for the year before an invoice for their pledge. Ms. Peterman said...guessing that if possible with some specificity most of this is legal are they looking for hourly billing you have a projection for 2006 estimate. Ms. White said and a letter from our attorneys. Ms. Peterman said last time they paid out of legal fees and my feeling is that in their minds and I am not projecting what they are thinking but this could drag on for a long time and we keep going back and asking for more money and they are asking how many times we are going to come back. Along with the budget is there an idea of how many years this will be going on? Ms. White said she included the procedural schedule Sept 14th and this is from the PUC and secretarial letter Commission deliberated on Sept 12th to continue from Aug 25, Nov 17th, meeting Nov 20 with the Selectmen and the Pennichuck hearings start in March.

Mr. McCarthy said there would be a continuation of the January hearings, but we do not have a decision on that. Chairman Scanlon asked how far are you pushing this out. Ms. Peterman said 2007 could be December. We can get some kind of feeling at the end date. I think as the Representative to the District I need to go back and energize them, meaning Amherst so that they feel or get the concept that this is worthwhile.

Mr. Dolan asked when would we have positive outlook for reimbursement and when will we be reimbursed. Ms. Peterman said I kept reinforcing that we will get reimbursed and I have 1-2 who are positive. Mr. Dolan said the other has been to latch on to put it in the budget for FY200 and that is why Londonderry was late. I looked at our legal budget and we were not spending it and I appropriated it to Council.

Ms. Peterman said the first time we paid out of the legal budget, the second time we put it into the budget, but in this last budget year in March we didn't put it in thinking that we would make a decision to take it out of legal again. I was being cautious, but the issue here is to keep them engaged and what is Londonderry's thought process

Ms. White commented that we need to keep our directors engaged. We have not approved our minutes and I have been waiting for months to bill the Towns for their fees. Mr. Dolan said procedural can we put Jean Guy on a speakerphone, Mr. Scanlon, said we just have to have an alternate to attend and we did ask each Town for an alternate.

Chairman Scanlon stated that he talked to Raymond who promised to send somebody.

Ms. Peterman said legal X and stamp wise. I was thinking of Amherst request or a budget. Bruce Bowler is the new Chairman and I'll check into this for you.

Ms. White asked what about a proposed annual budget. Chairman Scanlon said if we can get Amherst we are still short, but it would get us closer.

Ms. White suggested that the Directors might want to go or other member's assets in our home community. Mr. McCarthy said we have had some substantial discussions and the view is not necessary and there are still a lot to details under debate.

Ms. White mentioned that we have a meeting scheduled for November 16th right before Thanksgiving and then we are on the schedule for December 21st right before Christmas. If we don't have a quorum we cannot even approve our minutes from April 20th.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 p.m.

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