

Water Transition and Evaluation Committee

10/28/19 Meeting

Committee Member's Present: Scott Cyr, Dick Norman, Jim Taylor, David von Loesecke, and Joe Welch

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

The minutes from the 10/7/19 meeting were reviewed and approved 5-0.

Mark White from Environmental Partners walked the committee through the initial draft of the DEP required business plan. This is a critical component to the transfer of the water licenses to the Town. Mark reviewed in detail each of the sections of the plan, highlighting the many areas that will be pertinent to the third party operator. After more financial information is available, another draft will be created and reviewed in December or early January. The current schedule includes submitting the final plan to the DEP by the end of January. existing Rules and Regulations as currently in place with Aquarion.

There was also discussion of the various policy related items that will be discussed at the next meeting. These include the Rate setting process, the Abatement Procedure, the Water Conservation Program and the Water Balance Program. Mark went on to indicate that there will be decisions made on each. For instance, what will be the role of the Customer Advisory Board in the rate setting process, can the Abatement Process be made to avoid unnecessary complications, what Water Conservation restrictions are appropriate, and should the Town continue with the Water Balance Program? These will all be discussed at the next meeting in detail. The recommendations on each will ultimately be presented to the Board of Selectman as Water Commissions for approval following a public hearing.

The committee was brought up to speed on the status of the RFP as well as the communication efforts that will be made.

Kirk Shilts spoke to the committee indicating his enthusiasm about being given a chance to fine tune the regulations presently in place. He also reminded the committee that there are already Rate Setting and Abatement procedures presently followed by the Sewer and municipal light departments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Approved 11/7/19

