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SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 25, 2019 at 7pm

Town Hall-Community Room - Downstairs

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7:00 PM, Vivian opened meeting, asked everyone to turn off their phones, asked if anyone was recording. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ray made a motion to accept the September 11, 2019 minutes as presented, Rich seconded, all said Aye.

Rich Peters said the Finance Committee met last week, and agreed to change the Regional Agreement as long as all the towns in the Charter agree, and their legal counsel agrees with the changes. Looking to form a small ad hoc committee with a select board member from each town to represent them. Ray nominated Vivian to be a volunteer to be a part of the change committee, and Rich seconded, all in favor, said Aye.

TA Bob Graves talked about the algae bloom in Plunkett Lake and the Public Notice in today's Berkshire Eagle. Today Fred Sears noticed no visible signs of algae bloom. He talked about the land acquisition around the transfer station that is being donated. Plunkett Lake batter boards were being fixed this week, with screws placed at every juncture to stop the leak.

Kathy Stephens has accepted the invitation for the road discussion on Thursday, October 10 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Bob hopes it will be an informative session, not a battle. We have 10 miles of unaccepted roads, and we want residents to understand why they are categorized that way.

Ray made a motion to appoint Wayne Walton to Plunkett Lake Beach committee. Rich seconded, all those in favor, said Aye.

Manganese problem in the water was looked at by an expert from University of New Hampshire and DEP consultant. They believe it is related to the buildup of materials in the pump. They replaced the old pump with a new one. Opened the old pump, to find clogged materials. More testing has to be completed, but results sound optimistic.

Upcoming discussion on the Community Center after the Select Board meeting on October 23. Princeton and Town of Hardwick has the same problem; the building even looks the same.

Draft from DPC Engineering report for infiltration & inflow study is very thorough. Basically, setting up ten-year Maintenance & Replacement cycle plan. The system as a whole is in pretty good shape. Most of the work is replacing pipes and shoring up manholes over time.

Roads in Vermont article – Rich Peters made a comment that gravel roads are easier to maintain than paved roads. Viv stated the problem comes when you become inconsistent. She spoke to Dalton's TA and he is sending her a written procedure, listing the steps necessary to get your road paved.

Vivian asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.; Ray seconded, all said Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Baumgartner