

**Town of Berlin Public Works Board
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Commissioners

**Rob Allen / John Charissakis/ Henry Lague Jr. /
Wayne Lamberton / Gary Laroche**

**Regular Meeting
Monday April 09, 2018
Approved Minutes**

Present: Rob Allen (RA) Chair, Henry Lague Jr. (HL), Wayne Lamberton (WL), John Charissakis (JC) Mark Youngstrom (MY) and Thomas Badowski (TB).

Absent: Gary Laroche (GL)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Public Comment - No Public Comments

STAFF REPORTS

Otter Creek Engineering Services Preliminary Engineering Report – Well #4

Executive Session

1. WL moved and HL second a motion to find that premature general public knowledge of the negotiations of the potential acquisition of Well #4 Easement will place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Motion passed unanimously.
2. WL moved and JC second a motion to enter executive session to discuss the Preferred location of Well #4 and Acquisition of Necessary Easements for same pursuant to 1 V.S.A. §313 (a)(1). Motion passed unanimously.
3. WL moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:43 PM with HL second. Motion passed unanimously.
4. WL moved and HL second a motion to authorize TB, MY and Executive Committee to begin negotiations with potential property owners for the development of Well #4. Motion passed unanimously.

Berlin Water Company

TB stated that he spoke with Ben Montross, environmental program manager for the VTDEC who stated that Berlin Water Company (BWC) is compliant with current permit obligations. He further stated that BWC most recent inspection was in 2016, and did have several deficiencies. He was confident that BWC cured these deficiencies but admitted a backlog at VTDEC in reviewing BWC follow-up submittals.

From this conversation, TB surmised that BWC was not unduly burdened with water quality testing requirements as was previously thought. TB did mention that assuming Berlin Public Works purchases BWC

there would be a need to sample residual chlorine daily. MY stated that the BWC employs an erosion chlorinator system for disinfection and that daily manually testing of choline residual would be required until such time an automated system could be put in place. MY estimated such an automated system would cost \$5,000.

Staff was directed to continue the discussions with BWC and report next meeting.

Funding of Well #4

TB reported that the Berlin Selectboard has the necessary loan documents to fund Phase #1 of the Well #4 project. It is anticipated that at the April 16, 2018, Selectboard meeting, these documents will be signed making available \$90,000 for Phase #1.

March 2018 Water and Wastewater Use

TB distributed in advance March 2018 water use report, indicating 903,393 gallons consumed and wastewater report indicating 7,530,400 gallons sent for treatment.

Route 12 Infrastructure Extension

TB distributed in advance letters from Weston's Mobile Home Cooperative and Ellery Packard both refuted any further obligations towards development of Route 12 water/wastewater projects. Board discussion followed with staff directed to visit Carl Fuller from VTDEC with Roger Berry to discuss options towards saving the project.

Paine Turnpike North Wastewater Improvement Project

TB confirmed that Otter Creek has committed to provide a DRAFT Preliminary Engineering Report by the end of April for the project.

Minutes – WL moved and HL second as motion to approve the Minutes from March 28, 2018, as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Warrants –

- WL made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant Report 18S16 for checks # 3111 - 3118 in the amount of \$2,738.85 with JC second. Motion passed unanimously.
- WL made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant Report 18W16 for checks # 10221 - 10225 in the amount of \$3,062.91 with JC second. Motion passed unanimously.

Round Table –

- WL discussed options for connecting a residential unit to Town sewer
- HL stated natural attenuation of storm water practices used by Land Improvement Contractors of America.

Adjourned - Motion made by WL with second by JC to adjourn at 8:47 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Thomas J. Badowski
Recording Secretary
Berlin Public Works Board