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Minutes of Meeting held March 12, 2009 Rate Hearing

Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners held at the Water Department, 3 Old Meadow Road, Spencer, MA.

Members present: David R. O'Coin
 Norman C. Letendre, Jr.
 Robert O. Fritze, Jr

Staff present: Robert D. McNeil III, Superintendent
 Greg Karpowicz, Chief Operator
 Susan L. Lacaire, Junior Clerk

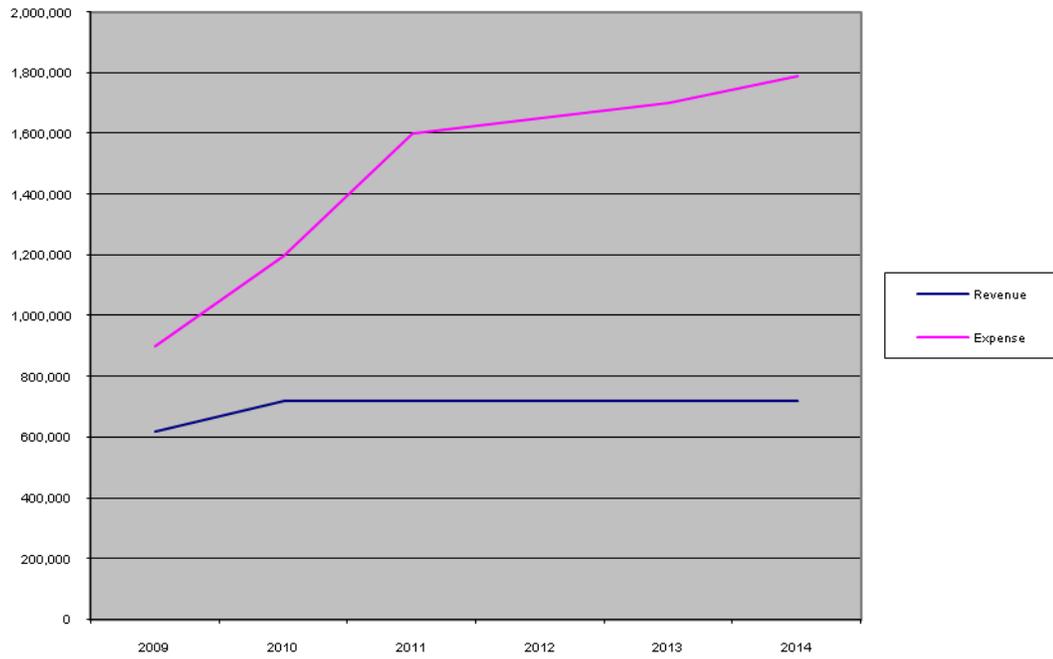
Others present: Christopher Woodcock, Woodcock & Associates
 Annette Converse, Spencer Resident

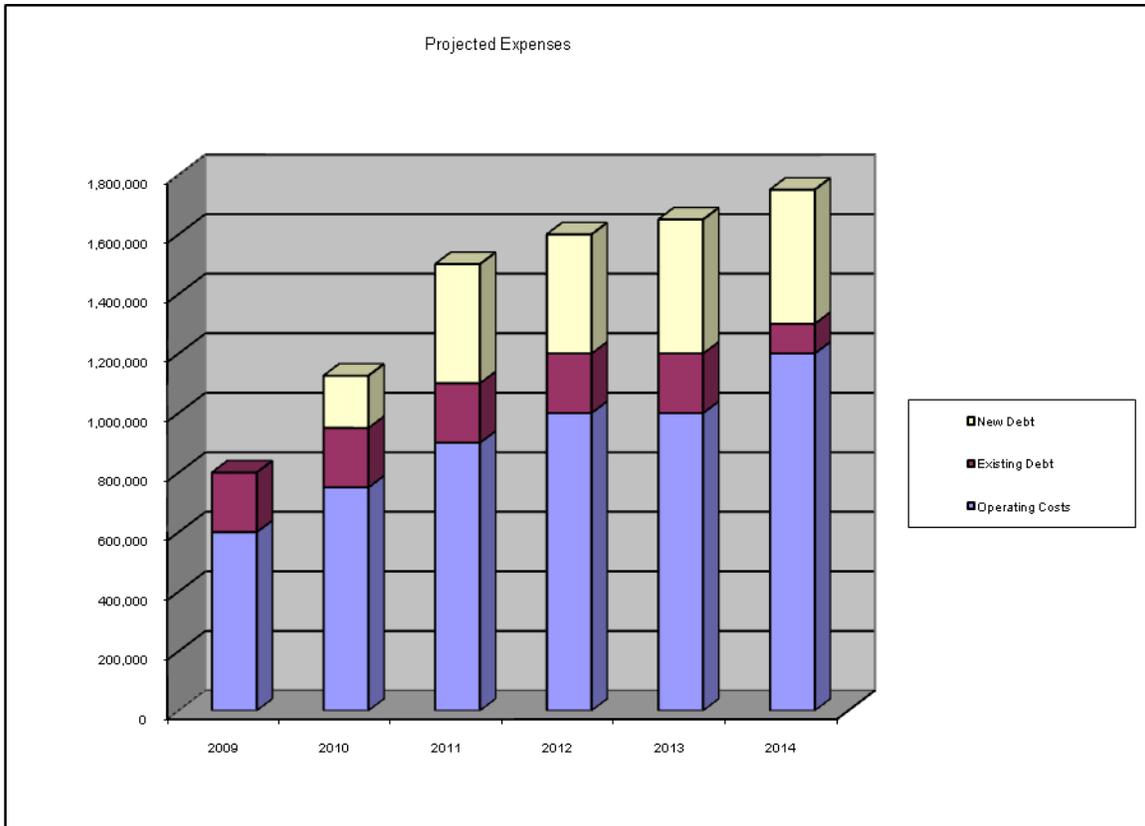
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invoices were reviewed and signed.

Christopher Woodcock of Woodcock & Associates presented the FY 2010 Water Rate Proposal to the Commissioners and residents. Annette Converse was the only resident to attend. Christopher Woodcock presented the following:

Projected Expenses vs. Current Revenues





Current Situation

- Current water rates do NOT cover the expenses of the Water Department
 - Last year underfunded by 36%
 - For next year underfunded by 70%
- Costs are increasing
 - Consent Order
 - Split Pressure Zone
 - Nearly \$6.7 Million
- Expected State to fund with low interest loans

Projected Rate Impacts for Typical Resident (165 gal/day)

- Current Bill
 - \$73.51/quarter
 - \$0.81/day
- Proposed Next Year (FY 2010)
 - \$1.25/quarter - \$51 increase/quarter
 - \$1.37/day - \$0.56 increase/day
- Proposed FY 2011
 - \$162.53/quarter - \$37 increase/quarter
 - \$1.79/day - \$0.42 increase /day
- Projected 2012
 - \$191.27/quarter - \$28.74 increase
 - \$2.10/day - \$.031 increase

Proposed Metered Water Rates FY 2010 and FY 2011						
Current			Proposed			
					2010	2011
First	1,500	\$58.76	First	1,500	\$99.96	\$129.92
1,500	5,000	\$2.95	1,500	5,000	\$5.02	\$6.52
5,000	8,000	\$3.11	5,000	8,000	\$5.29	\$6.88
8,000	and up	\$3.33	8,000	and up	\$5.66	\$7.36
			Note:\$5.02/hundred cu ft=\$0.0067/gallon			

Proposed Private Fire Charges						
<u>Current</u>			<u>Proposed</u>			
Fire Service Charge(\$/in)		\$50.00	Fire Service Charge(\$/in)		\$85.06	\$110.55
	<u>Size (in)</u>			<u>Size (in)</u>		or
	2	\$100.00		2	\$170.12	\$221.10
	4	\$200.00		4	\$340.24	\$442.21
	6	\$300.00		6	\$510.36	\$663.31
	8	\$400.00		8	\$680.48	\$884.42
	10	\$500.00		10	\$850.60	\$1,105.52
	12	\$600.00		12	\$1,020.72	\$1,326.62

After the presentation, the Commissioners discussed the proposed rate increase. Questions were answered by Mr. Woodcock. The vote on the proposed rate increase is to be taken at the Thursday, March 19th meeting to be held at 4:00PM.

Engineering Services for Water Conservation Grant: Motion made (O'Coin/Letendre) to allow Mr. McNeil to hire Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. to provide engineering services for the DEP Water Loss Prevention Grant. Passed 3 /0.

Review Two Zone Pressure System proposals. The Commissioners reviewed the proposals submitted by Weston & Sampson and Tata & Howard for Two Zone Pressure Systems. Tata & Howard is scheduled for 4:00PM, Thursday, March 19th to give a presentation of Final Design for the Two Zone Pressure System. Weston & Sampson is scheduled for 6:00PM, Thursday, March 19th to give a presentation of Final Design for the Two Zone Pressure System.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.