

**NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT
Commissioners Monthly Meeting Minutes**

January 8, 2024

PRESENT: Kenneth Jacques (Chairman), John MacKenna (Commissioner), Rip Cross (Commissioner), Rob Thorp (Superintendent) and Rhonda Gauthier (Office Manager)
Others in attendance was Rich and Karen Epstein

The meeting opened at 4:00.

The Board reviewed:

- Income and Expenditure report for fiscal year 2023 and January 2024.
- The Superintendent's report, which showed that daily water usage is up. The crew has been busy performing meter changeouts. Rob informed the Board that the bids for the Main Street Project went out in the Union Leader today.
- A letter from DES approving the design for the Main Street Water Main Replacement Project with conditions (letter attached) initiated conversation regarding the Lead and Copper rule. Lead and galvanized services found will need full replacement. Customers will be supplied with 6 months of water filters as well as educational materials.

The Board approved:

- Accounts payable and payroll
- Rip made a motion to accept the minutes of December 4, 2023, Commissioner's meeting as written, John seconded the motion. All in favor.
- A request to the Town of New London for ARPA funds was signed for \$5,000.84 paid to Underwood Engineers for the Main Street water main replacement and Water supply investigation.

The Board reviewed the contract from Plodzik and Sanderson to conduct the 2023 DRA Audit for the Precinct. Rip made a motion to approve the three-year contract John seconded the motion. All in favor.

There was discussion on the payment in lieu of taxes to the Town of Springfield. Ken asked Rhonda to research the law to see how much the Precinct should be paying.

The Commissioners will meet on January 15, 2024, at 4:30 for a budget workshop.

Next Commissioner's meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

The first Budget Hearing will be held on February 5, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

The Bond hearing will be held on February 5, 2024, at 4:30 PM.

The bids for the Main Street project will be opened on February 5, 2024, at 2:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Rhonda L Gauthier