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John M. Driscoll, *General Manager*

**Water Commissioners' Meeting  
February 1, 2017**

Members present were: Dana Blais, Gregg Edwards, Chris Stewart

Employees present were: John Driscoll, Ron Davan

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dana.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 2-0 in favor.

The minutes of January 4, 2017 were approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor.

**Old Business:**

The Manager and Superintendent updated the Board on the status of the construction at the Johnson Avenue WST, as it related to the sampling the vault, the electric service, the hatch and the SCADA work that still need be completed before they complete in the Spring of 2017 with the landscaping and painting work.

The Manager alerted the Board to another irregularly high phone bill with the Water Plant line 978-939-8463. He blamed both NHC and VZ for their respective missteps in this simple process of changing the water phone account from a per-call/per-minute calling plan with long distance to a fixed monthly charge plan with local service only. The Manager was incredulous as to the amount of time this simple change was taking, and further that NHC was still billing the Water Plant for phone line usage on 978-939-8463 even with the line now under Verizon's control.

**New Business:**

The Superintendent's Truck #31 was in dire straits as far as needed repairs; there had been about \$1,000 spent in about a month just to keep it running. This vehicle was a 2004 Ford F-150 that the Light Plant had donated to the Water Plant back in 2013. The Manager stated that the Superintendent had received a price quote for a 2017 Ford F-150 4x4 Pickup from MHQ Municipal Vehicles in Marlborough for \$31,670 with a 4-

month lead time!!! Because of this wait he had sought a price quote for a 2017 Chevy 1500 4x4 Pickup Truck from Liberty Chevrolet in Wakefield for **\$32,076** with a 9-week lead time. The Manager felt that the apparent premium of \$406 was well worth it to get a new truck here sooner than later. The Board agreed, and at this time a vote took place as follows:

*"On a motion by Dana, seconded by Chris, 3-0 in favor the Board voted that the Water Plant purchase the 2017 Chevy 1500 4x4 Pickup Truck from Liberty Chevrolet in Wakefield for the quoted price of \$32,076."*

*Dana – Aye*

*Gregg – Aye*

*Chris – Aye*

The Superintendent a few high-level reports of water main breaks on Baldwinville Road and on Sawyer Street in January 2017.

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor the Water Commissioners' Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll



General Manager