



Leino Park Water District (LPWD)
Board of Commissioners' Meeting - March 3, 2010

1. **Call to Order** March 3, 2010 at 7:04 PM
 - **Members present:** Sue Miller (SM), Dave Crumbley (DC), Rick Plante (RP), Don Williams (DW), and Derek Knerr (DK).
 - **Guests present:** Selectman John Fairbanks

2. **Review and Approve Minutes** - Minutes of 02/03/10 not prepared for approval.

3. **Reports**
 - A. **Treasurer Report (Finance/Budget):**
 - **Receipts** - none
 - **Expenditures** - \$1,344.74 for utilities, water test, \$20 DEP annual assessment, and USDA loan payment with interest.

 - B. **Water Commissioner Report:**
 - **Budget** - Nothing new expected.
 - **Billing** - Nothing new to report.
 - **Maintenance of lines and meters** - Main meter is Rockwell but they have been sold to Neptune and information on the Rockwell meter is hard to get. Looks like we will have to replace instead of repair.
 - **Quality** - Nothing new to report.

 - C. **Bridge Report**
 - **Legal ownership** - Nothing new to report.
 - **Time frames** -
 - **Replacement funds** - Nothing new to report.

 - D. **Maintenance Report**
 - **Meters** - Nothing discussed to allow time for our guest.
 - **Roads** - Nothing discussed to allow time for our guest.

 - E. **Communication Report**
 - **Website** - Up-to-date.
 - **Email** - Send comments and suggestions to us at: LPWD@LeinoPark.org.
 - **Mail** - none

4. **Old Business:**
 - Nothing discussed to allow time for our guest.



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5. New Business:

- After introductions, Rick explained our position on bridge replacement and how we would like to improve Honey Bee Lane if we can get the easement. We expect that it will be a lot less expensive than replacing the bridge right now and perhaps bridge replacement could come later. Rick also explained that safety issues with additional traffic through the intersection of Honey Bee Lane at Route 140 (due to poor visibility) led to John's invitation to join us, as he is a member of the Route 140 Safety Improvement Committee. We also seek his insight and advice as a Selectman. John explained that the Route 140 Safety Improvement Committee is responsible for making improvement recommendations along the stretch of Route 140 through the Towns of Princeton, Sterling, and Westminster. He added that the Committee does not have any money to do any of the improvements, and the way it looks now, the State is not likely to fund them. So far the only major recommendation for the Westminster part of Route 140 is to replace culverts and raise road by 1 foot between Gatehouse Road and Mile High Road. Even if the State funded 10 million between all three Towns, that might cover the costs of cutting down some trees to let in some more light and improve visibility. John suggested that we call or go in to speak with the Town Planner and ask our easement question, and perhaps talk to Josh Hall (DPW) and State Representative Lew Evangelidis. He also proposed that there must be other privately owned bridges in the State that are currently in the same situation as ours and others that have been rebuilt. We should try to find them. John then spent some time describing a 1994 study that recommended the Town spend a lot more than the \$100K per year for road maintenance than it was. Currently (and for the past 3 or 4 years) we spend about \$500K per year for road maintenance. The expected State aid for the Town this year is about \$500K. John would like to see road maintenance funding increased. The Town is in good shape financially but if unions demand pay increases, layoffs will occur. We talked a bit about the Wastewater study and then about Winturri's plan to break off a building lot. John will talk to someone to find out where that is at. Rick summarized our frustrations by ending with, "we are just regular folk trying to do what we can".

6. Open Forum - none

7. Adjournment at 7:58 PM.

8. Next Meeting

- The next regular Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday** April 7th 2010, 7:00 PM at 15 Old Oak Ave.

Respectively submitted,
Derek Knerr - Clerk/Moderator