



Leino Park Water District (LPWD)
Board of Commissioners' Meeting - September 8, 2011

1. **Call to Order** September 8, 2011 at 7:01 PM
 - **Members present:** Sue Miller (SM), Dave Crumbley (DC), Rick Plante (RP), and Derek Knerr (DK).
 - **Guests present:** none.

2. **Review and Approve Minutes** - Minutes of 8/03/11 were approved.

3. **Reports**
 - A. **Treasurer Report (Finance/Budget):**
 - **Receipts** - \$7,568.00 was collected for water bills.
 - **Expenditures** - \$990.74 was paid for water testing, utilities, insurance and supplies.
 - **Other** - nothing.

 - B. **Water Commissioner Report:**
 - **Budget** - Nothing new expected.
 - **Billing** - 8 households have not paid. Reminders went out August 15th. Late notices will go out next week. Interest will be added to all unpaid balances on Sept. 16th.
 - **Maintenance of lines and meters** - DC reported that Hydra Tech (in Sterling) came out and took a look at our hydrant. They believe that the valve is draining properly but is doing so very slowly due to high ground water levels. They could take it apart for \$600 and give us a full assessment or we may buy a pump (for less than \$100) and manually remove any water that does not drain as expected. A motion was made and passed to purchase a pump. This will be sufficient to protect the hydrant from freezing in the winter after flushing.
 - **Main meter** - Nothing new to report.
 - **DEP/Quality** - Results from our most recent TTHM testing were excellent, especially since the warm weather usually increases TTHM levels. We do not have specific data on Town levels but suspect that their additional flushing dropped their TTHM levels as well. DC reported that he is researching a TTHM tester and will check with DEP to see if they will accept results from the device. DC then explained how the Chlorine testing is done.

 - C. **Bridge Report**
 - **Legal ownership** - Nothing new to report.
 - **Replacement funding** - DK and SM met with Jamie Rheault from Whitman & Bingham and Michael Pingpank, a grant writer from Community Opportunities Group, before the August 8th selectmen meeting. Michael explained to us that the MassWorks grant is probably not our best option since they are typically awarded to applicants who show that their project will benefit lots of people and generate lots of jobs. It is unlikely our project would be selected over any of the larger projects. He suggested that we would be better off by applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which has to be submitted sometime in December. So we went to the selectmen meeting and explained that we had come

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with intentions of asking for the Town's approval to be included on their MassWorks application, but have changed our plans and will be back later this year to ask for approval to be included on the Town's CDBG application. The Town Planner, Steve Wallace, then explained to the board that our project would be a good addition to their application since ours is an infrastructure project and will add points to the overall application (and points are good). Since the selectmen meeting, Michael Pingpank informed us that due to workload, he will be unable to work with us on the CDBG application but recommended we work with the Town Planner and Kevin Flynn at the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC). DK volunteered to contact Kevin.

D. Maintenance Report

- **Bridge** - BB got pricing of \$90 for 1/4 inch 3' x 3' steel plates, and \$160 for 4' x 4' plates. Basically \$10 a square foot. More discussion about how to proceed with repairs. It was agreed that the bridge will have to be closed while repairs are made. DK will contact the Engineering firm for repair ideas.
- **Roads** - They survived the hurricane...

E. Communication Report

- **Website** - www.LeinoPark.org - nothing new to report.
- **Email** - None.
Please send your comments and suggestions to us at: LPWD@LeinoPark.org.
- **Mail** - None
- **Phone** - None
- **Other** - DC will honor the request to put a '1 car on the bridge at a time' sign on the bulletin board.

4. Old Business:

- Though it did not happen, there is still a plan to talk to a homeowner about a shed that is blocking free access to the water, and offer to help move it.
- SM is still planning to repaint the Leino Park sign at the entrance near East Road and is continuing research on paint options for best visibility. DC will check with the company that made our bridge signs for recommendations.

5. New Business:

- Nothing new.

6. Open Forum – none

7. Adjournment at 8:13 PM.

8. Next Meeting

- The next regular Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday** October 5th 2011, 7:00 PM at 15 Old Oak Ave.

Respectively submitted,
Derek Knerr - Clerk/Moderator