

**TOWN OF SHAFTSBURY
WATER BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011
MINUTES**

ATTENDING: Board Members present: Karen Mellinger, Lon McClintock, Bill Pennebaker, Craig Bruder, Carl Korman. Town Officials: Margy Becker, Town Administrator; Joe Herrmann, Water Superintendent. Guest: Brent Peacock.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Karen Mellinger called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

2. Public Comments:

No comments made.

3. Conflict of Interest Statement:

Chair Mellinger inquired if any Board member had a conflict of interest with any matter on the agenda. No conflict noted for the record.

4. Water User's Presentation

Brent Peacock addressed the Board with his concerns over his water bill. A water leak was discovered on his property in February. The leak did not get fixed until April. Brent Peacock asked for a reprieve on his water bill which was around \$2,000.00. Carl Korman stated that the Town understands his situation, but the Town is not responsible for the cost. He further suggested that in the future tenants or owners should periodically check meters. Craig Bruder suggested splitting the bill up into payments. Bill Pennebaker stated that he sympathizes with Mr. Peacock, but the obligation is Mr. Peacock's. Karen Mellinger suggested that Brent Peacock and Water Superintendent, Joe Herrmann meet to discuss a plan that is agreeable to both. Brent Peacock thanked the Board for their time.

5. Status of Reservoir/Water Source

Water Superintendent Joe Herrmann reported on the status of the reservoir after Tropical Storm Irene hit the area. The screens plugged up during the storm and water was diverted to the road, which then washed out. An engineer inspected the dam and found that it was not damaged. The wells were fed during the storm to keep the water supply going to the residents.

6. Other Business

Joe Herrmann reported that payments are being made on delinquent water bills.

Joe Herrmann asked the Board if radios could be purchased for the Water Department to use in emergencies to be able to communicate with other departments.

7. Adjournment:

Lon McClintock made the motion to adjourn at 6:46pm. Craig Bruder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by
Carol MacLean