

**Board of Commissioners  
Minutes  
Public Hearing  
March 5, 2019  
(approved March 18, 2019)**

Present: J. Comer, G. Keller, W. von Schoen, D. Provencher, Superintendent R. Miner, Business Manager/Water Quality Support J. Lavoie

Excused: T. Pellegrino

**Introduction**

J. Comer introduced the members of the Board of Commissioners, staff of the MVD, and the District's engineers.

J. Comer stated:

"I declare the Public Hearing relative to the Merrimack Village District issuance of municipal bonds proposed by petitioned warrant articles for 2019-2020 open for comments. The notice of this Public Hearing was advertised in the Nashua Telegraph and appeared in the February 25, 2019 edition. This Public Hearing notice was also posted on the Merrimack Village District website at [WWW.MVDWATER.ORG](http://WWW.MVDWATER.ORG), the MVD Office, the Merrimack Town Hall, Public Library and Post Office on February 22, 2019.

"The purpose of this hearing is to allow comments from the public in relation to the proposed petitioned warrant articles requiring municipal bonds or notes. The Board of Commissioner will not comment during this time. Prior to the public comment the Board will receive information on these articles for the Merrimack Village District. During and after this presentation the public may ask questions or request clarification of the presentations.

"When all comments have been received relative to the presentations, I will open the floor to questions and comments for Article #2. After the comment period I will close the hearing for Article #2 and the Board will vote on their recommendations for the Article. I will then open the floor to questions and comments for Article #3. After the comment period I will close the hearing for Article #3 and the Board will vote their recommendation for this article.

"The Board of Commissioners will now ask Petitioner Rosemarie Rung to provide an overview and explanation of the proposed petitioned warrant articles."

Rosemarie Rung, 21 Ministerial Drive, noted that the first petitioned warrant article (Article #2) is in the amount of \$3.6M for the design and construction of treatment for the removal of PFAS from wells 7 & 8. The second petitioned warrant article (Article #3)

is in the amount of \$10.9M for the design and construction of treatment for the removal of Iron, Manganese, and PFAS from wells 2 & 3. An amendment will be made for each of these articles on the floor of the Annual Meeting with the most accurate number for the amount needed to cover the 2019-2020 interest on the bonds and notes. She noted that it is important to remove as much PFAS as possible from the District's water. The filtration system will use granular activated charcoal (GAC). The slides shown at the Public Hearing of February 25, 2019 are available at the Merrimack Village District Website and should be referred to for additional information.

J. Comer stated:

“Are there any further questions on this presentation?”

There were no further questions.

J. Comer stated:

“The Board of Commissioner will not ask Keith Pratt of Underwood Engineers to present the *Evaluation of PFAS Treatment and Rate Study*.”

K. Pratt noted that the engineering report on the treatment of wells 7 & 8 and 2 & 3 noted that the cost for the treatment of wells 7 & 8 at 1250 gpm to a level of non-detect would be \$3.6M and the same treatment for wells 2 & 3 with the addition of Iron and Manganese treatment would cost \$10.9M. The treatment facilities that would be built would have the flexibility to add additional resin treatment if desired.

K. Pratt noted that the cost impact of petitioned Warrant Articles 2 and 3 are included in his February 25, 2019 slide show on the rate study, which is available at the Merrimack Village District website.

J. Comer stated:

“Are there any further questions on this presentation?”

There were no further questions.

J. Comer stated:

“I will now open the Public Hearing for Article #2 for public comment.”

There was no public comment at this time.

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J. Comer stated:

Are there any more public comments? Seeing none I close the Public Hearing for Article #2.

“The Board will now vote their recommendations. All those in favor? All those not in favor?”

The Board vote was 2 in favor, 2 not in favor.

J. Comer stated:

I will now open the Public Hearing for Article #3 for public comment.”

Geoff Daley of Nashua, New Hampshire asked if it is necessary to treat for iron & Manganese at Well-3, because the water quality test results from water samples he collected indicated non-detect.

D. Provencher indicated that he remembers that Iron was detected around 1 ppm at Well-3 in the past, and that Well-2 did not need Iron & Manganese removal because those levels are very low at Well-2.

There was no further public comment at this time.

J. Comer stated:

“Are there any more public comments? Seeing none I close the Public Hearing for Article #3.

“The Board will now vote their recommendations. All in favor? All those not in favor?”

The Board vote was 2 in favor, 2 not in favor.

J. Comer stated:

“This concludes the petitioned warrant article bond hearing. Thank you all for coming.”

The meeting concluded at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rita Pointon, Recording Secretary