

**Littleton Light and Water Departments
Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes – September 25, 2007**

Present for the meeting:

Commissioners: Craig Gruskowski, Joe McCumber, Bruce Trumbull, Ivan Pagacik

General Manager: Savas Danos

Staff: Kevin Goddard, Joni Silveria

General Audience: Ted Doucette (Board of Health)

Meeting called to order: 7:08 PM

- 1) Approve Agenda—** GM Danos requested an amendment to the agenda, under Water, new business, add 4) out of town sales discussion. On a motion made by Commissioner Gruskowski and seconded by Commissioner McCumber, the Board voted to approve the agenda as amended. **The Vote: Trumbull - Yes, McCumber - Yes, Gruskowski – Yes, Pagacik - Yes.**
- 2) Approve Minutes –** All tabled until next meeting when Commissioner Rauker is present.
- 3) Water -** Commissioner Gruskowski asked to move “review of fluoride” request to the front of the agenda. He presented his arguments on fluoridating Littleton’s water supply. Commissioner McCumber questioned whether it’s the right solution when other options are available. Commissioner Pagacik said he would like to review more research on the subject. Commissioner Trumbull suggested it was an issue for the Board of Health. GM Danos explained the process in which the BOH has jurisdiction over policy and LWD has authority over implementation. Ted Doucette discussed the possibility of BOH conducting public hearings on the matter. **On a motion made by Commissioner Trumbull and seconded by Commissioner Pagacik, the Board unanimously voted to open dialogue with the Board of Health and that LWD has the practical means to implement fluoridation in the Littleton water system, if the Board of Health and Town deem it.**
- 4) Cobb’s Well –** Manager Danos reviewed with the Board his interest in having a special town meeting article this fall to begin exploratory work on the Cobb’s bedrock wells. Commissioner Gruskowski questioned why LWD needed to spend money on a new well site, as he believed that we had plenty of water. He added that some folks in town believed the Cobb well would be used to supply Avalon Bay. Commissioner McCumber stated that he requested this review and added that the purchase of the Cobb’s property was many years before the contract w/ Avalon Bay, the need for

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an additional well outside of the Beaver Brook Aquifer was something the Board was interested in, and that having additional resources in numerous locations is good for the Dept. and Town. Commissioner Pagacik asked if water from the Cobb's site would be available to the entire Town. Manager Danos stated that all our resources are tied together and that having additional capacity away from Route 495 and the Beaver Brook Valley is both prudent utility management and has always been a plan for LWD. He added that Avalon Bay, under contract w/ LWD for water, will use approximately 15,000 gallons per day, while the capacity of this new source we hope to be in the 500,000 – 750,000 gallons per day. Danos added that a source well at the Cobb's property would support all locations in town as the system is completely tied together.

After Commissioner McCumber and Commissioner Gruskowski excused themselves from the meeting, the meeting was dissolved due to a lack of quorum at 8:27.

Respectfully submitted,

Savas Danos