## Scantic Valley Water District February 20, 2024 10:00 am Meeting Minutes

## **Members present:**

John Plaster (Chair), Paul Garwacki (Commissioner), Bob Flagg **Absent:** Craig Rivest (Commissioner)

The Water Commission reviewed and approved the bills.

The group reviewed the latest estimates provided by Tighe & Bond. All seem to be reasonable. We are still waiting for the completed engineering project. There have been some delays due to weather and the increased scope of the original project because of the PFAS situation. John Plaster will contact Tighe & Bond and impress upon them the urgency of getting the engineering study presentation to the Selectmen within the next four weeks. We need to keep the process moving along. Our goal is to get the water district expansion on the town warrant for May.

A question was posed to us at the January 29th Selectmen's meeting. It was what should be done first. Upgrade the infrastructure or adding the additional addresses to the system. After reviewing this in more detail it is clear that the pump house upgrade must be done first. The increased load on the system from the previous expansion has the compressor and pumps running at a high rate. More stress will only burn out the equipment.

- The new pump house must go in first.
- Secondly, service can be extended to addresses within the water district,
- Thirdly, the water district distribution system expansion should be done adding the additional addresses.
- Bills reviewed and accepted for payment:
  - Quabbin Analytical \$90.00
  - East National: \$530.00
  - Electric \$387.18
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am.