The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Chair Melissa Lombard with the follow people in attendance:
Melissa Lombard, Commissioner & Chair; Sam Harding, Commissioner; Matt Miller, Superintendent; Eric Tenney, Treasurer and Bob Edwards, Select Board Ex-Officio member

The following matters came before the meeting:

- A general discussion was conducted regarding the drilling of an additional two test wells on land owned by the Town of Antrim but located in Bennington. Melissa discussed a couple of experimental options that are relatively new when searching for potential new well sites. Also discussed were other potential locations such as the Chauncey end of town and on the South Bennington Road. Consideration was given to potential flow rate possibilities based on previously reviewed maps and the potential cost of acquiring a site/easement and infrastructure costs for distribution.

Discussion turned to a May 29, 2018 proposal developed by GeoInsight regarding test well installation, and Development and Pumping. The Proposal covered four specific tasks ranging from bid solicitations, additional test wells, 8” diameter test well installation and testing and finally, data analysis and communication of the results to the Commissioners.

Four entities responded to the RFP with bids ranging from $18,240 to $31,395 for Task #1 and from $40,420 to $45,060 for Task #2. Should the test wells initial drilling produce unfavorable results, and no further work proceeds, the estimated cost would be in the range of $18,000 to $20,000. The oversight cost for GeoInsight is NTE $10,000 unless approved by the Commissioners. (Copy of the Proposal is on file at the Water & Sewer Dept). The Commissioners then voted to proceed with the low bidder (Dennis L. Maher). Test well drilling is anticipated for a July 11, 2018 start date.

- Matt Miller reposted that he anticipates the water leak detection analysis will begin next week with a company approved by the DES. Very limited involvement is expected to be needed from AWS staff.

- A copy of the executed Agreement for engineering consulting services pertaining to the water Asset Management Plan from Dufresne Group was received and reviewed and included four attachments describing their services and project cost.

- Matt Miller announced that Jake Valley has received his Distribution and Treatment license after passing his educational requirements.

- Melissa Lombard reported she is working on the pre-application form for a $30,000 loan. The program is designed to be a self-liquidating (loan forgiveness) based on program requirements. This is a DES supported initiative focused on developing an asset management plan for waste water municipal systems.
• It was noted that the same type of debt forgiveness loan program is available to support a storm water asset management plan development that will involve the Highway Dept at some future point should the Select Board approve an initiative.

• A general philosophical conversation occurred regarding investigating the long-term possibility of expanding AWS’s mutual relationship with Bennington W&S regarding drinking and waste water operations. It was noted that although the DES is encouraging these possibilities with municipalities, research would need to document the components that confirm that an expanded mutual collaboration would yield mutually beneficial results for both communities.

With no other business to come before the meeting, an affirmative vote to adjourn was approved at 6:30PM.

Respectfully,

Bob Edwards,
Secretary Pro-Tem