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5 **Stratham Public Works Commission**  
6 **Meeting Minutes**  
7 **January 14, 2016**  
8 **Municipal Center, Selectmen's Meeting Room**  
9 10 Bunker Hill Avenue  
10 Time: 7:00 PM  
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13 **Members Present:** John Boisvert, Chairman  
14 David Canada, Selectmen's Representative  
15 Jim Cushman, Member  
16 William Schoppmeyer, Member  
17 Michael Girard, Member  
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19 **Staff Present:** Paul Deschaine, Town Administrator and Tavis Austin, Town Planner  
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22 **1. Call to Order/Roll Call.**

23 The Chairman took roll call and welcomed the new Town Planner, Tavis Austin.  
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25 **2. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes.**

26 a. November 12, 2015

27 Mr. Boisvert made a motion to approve the minutes from November 12, 2015 as presented.  
28 Motion seconded by Mr. Canada. Motion carried unanimously.

29 **3. Public Meeting(s).**

30 **a. Exeter/Stratham Water Agreement Update.**

31 J. Boisvert discussed the recent signing of the agreement between Exeter and Stratham. He  
32 continued with a discussion about the maximum flows and average daily consumption provided  
33 by the agreement. Other parameters of the agreement were discussed.

34 **b. Discussion of Design Plans from Wright-Pierce Engineers.**

35 J. Boisvert outlined the concept designs provided by Wright-Pierce. Specific discussions were  
36 held related to the pump house, booster pumps, and general project design.

37 P. Deschaine elaborated on the use of HDPE at the 101 crossing then changing to the Exeter-  
38 standard ductile iron pipe for the remainder of the project in both Phase I and II.

39 D. Canada questioned whether the proposed pump house was in the most cost effective location.

40 P. Deschaine stated that alternate locations could be investigated further and that he had  
41 previously discussed alternate locations with Chris Berg of Wright-Pierce. More discussions  
42 were likely prior to construction.

1 The Commission generally consented that the plans submitted were appropriate for estimating  
2 costs while admitting that less expensive construction options should be considered.

3 J. Boisvert discussed the use of directional drilling to cross 108 from Stratham Heights Road to  
4 the West side of 108 and where appropriate as the project commenced north along the west side  
5 of 108. He clarified that the west side of 108 was preferred to the originally conceived east side  
6 as there exist many infrastructure impediments, including fiber-optic cables along the east side  
7 of 108.

8 P. Deschaine suggested that ‘rounding’ be used in proceeding with the bond issue and raised the  
9 question of the source of operating capital to be used until the system was functional.

10 The Commission discussed use of existing capital funds.

11 **c. Town Meeting Preparation**

12 J. Boisvert opened discussion related to Town Meeting preparations. He continued with  
13 discussion of options of water district versus contracting with private operator for system,

14 D. Canada spoke to public outreach mechanisms.

15 **2. Other Business.**

16 There were no additional items to report.

17 **3. Adjournment.**

18 D. Canada made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Motion seconded by J. Boisvert. Motion carried  
19 unanimously.