

Town of Epping, NH

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WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES December 4, 2018

Attendance:

Chairman Mike King, Commissioner Tom Gauthier, Commissioner Bob Bean
BOS Rep. Mike Yergeau, W&S Administrator Dennis Koch; W&S Operators Norm Dionne & Jim Pouliot.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Epping Town Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

2. Appointments: Joe Coronati & Chris Albert of Jones & Beach came in to discuss water availability. J&B has many projects, concerned to hear if we have water available? MK said that we are currently at our limit and can't add additional customers until the water treatment plant is built at the Epping Crossing site.

A discussion followed on funding of the water treatment plant. We will need to take a multi-faceted approach, bringing many funding sources together to make the project a reality.

Dave Mercier of Underwood Engineers gave an update of the septage receiving building project. The underground storage tanks are in, footings and walls are next.

DM then discussed the two upcoming sewer Warrant Articles:

#1 is \$3.3M for the closure of lagoon 1.

#2 is 2.19M for new membranes in all three tanks and an upgrade to the intermediate pump station.

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to proceed with writing two separate warrant articles as described above. Seconded by Commissioner Bean. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Bean to mail an informational letter to all property owners in the third week of February. Seconded by Commissioner Gauthier. Motion carried 3-0.

DM asked about completing a review of the Ladd's Lane development. We will wait to receive final plans.

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to have Underwood Engineers review the final plans for Ladd's Lane development. Seconded by Commissioner Bean. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to approve the minutes of October 30, 2018 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Bean. Motion carried 3-0.

4 Administrator's Report: DK reviewed the upcoming schedule of meetings related to the warrant articles.

Abatement request for \$251.20 at 6 Blackford Lane due to billing error.

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to approve the abatement of \$251.20. Seconded by Commissioner Bean. Motion carried 3-0.

Reviewed a letter from Lewis Builders requesting water service for proposed housing development.

5. Operator's Report: Jim Pouliot requested a special meeting of the Water and Sewer Commission on December 17th to review the new water and sewer regulations.

JP presented three PO's for approval:
\$134,000.00 for electrical work to the headworks building.
\$2,919.95 for FPZ-blower.
\$11,585.00 for Renew Mechanical-piping.

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to approve all three PO's as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Bean. Motion carried 3-0.

JP presented a three year contract for instrument calibration by Law Calibration.

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to approve the three year contract. Seconded by Commissioner Bean. Motion carried 3-0.

JP reviewed the water break at 140 Railroad Avenue due to frozen pipes.

Norm Dionne: Nothing.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Gauthier: Nothing.

Commissioner Bean: BB expressed disappointment with the BOS moving to dis-band the water and sewer commission, feels that the board is doing its job.

Chairman King: After much thought, MK announced his resignation from the water and sewer commission.

Tom Dwyer spoke on the issue of having developers contribute to the building of the new water treatment plant. We need to get an estimated cost of the project and be able to tell developers what their contribution would be.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Gauthier. Seconded by Commissioner Bean. Motion carried 2 – 0. (MK had left already). Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator

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