

Town of Epping, NH

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WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES April 8, 2014

Attendance:

Chairman Henry DeBoer, Commissioner Paul Langdon;
W&S Administrator Dennis Koch; W&S Operator Norm Dionne

1. Call to Order:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

2. Appointments: Joel Saren of Old Stagecoach Condos came in to discuss connecting to sewer. 24 two bedroom units x 150 gpd = 7,200 gpd. \$10.00 / gallon fee = \$72,000.00 connection fee. Connection fee will need to be paid before work begins. HD said although we can't reduce the connection fee, we may be able to spread some of the cost out over time to make the project a reality.

Scott Kelly of Utility Service Corp came in to discuss putting the Gauthier Tower on their maintenance program. OSHA issues were discussed; SK assured that the tank will remain OSHA compliant. SK said the painting and repair work will be done this year. It will take 4-6 weeks to complete the job. The Verizon antennae's may have to come off during work SK will check. Fire protection was discussed; we will talk to the FD and make a plan, perhaps using the ponds as a source of water.

SK will draw up a new contract; payments will not begin until 2015.

3. Approval of Minutes: None approved, PL was not at the last meeting.

4 Administrator's Report: The Haven Restaurant was closed from 9/15 – 3/15, owner asked for no unit fees during closure. HD agreed to no fee for the 4th qtr. but they will pay the 1st qtr. fee.

DK presented an abatement for DR Lemieux Builders for \$131.51 because the house was torn down prior to the 4th qtr. And a bill was issued in error. Approved by consensus.

Abatement request for Langdon's irrigation meter (not used in 4th qtr.) for \$50.43.

Approved by consensus.

It was agreed that there will be no quarterly unit fees for irrigation meters.

Discussed the Asset Management Grant. HD wants to do line item bidding. Dk will work with CA and CA to write the RFP.

The Pine & Pond Agreement has been signed by Mary Cloutier. DK presented it to the W&SC for signatures.

DK reviewed the Environmental Fact Sheet to be mailed with the 1st qtr. bills.

Charlie Marino is starting to lay out the timber harvest for Hoar Pond Forest. There will be 400' buffers and no contamination of the ground. They are working with DES. CA wants to talk to them about some dangerous trees inside the 400' buffer that need to come down.

5. Operator's Report: Norm Dionne reports that the flows are up at the WWTF. Trane #3 is back on-line and the plant is doing 475,000 gpd right now.

ND asked that restaurants please clean their grease traps.
DK will send a letter to grease trap owners requesting that they have them cleaned and send the receipts to the w&s office.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Langdon: PL thanked Henry for all of his hard work in getting the Land Purchase completed.

Chairman DeBoer: HD thanked the voters for their support of the Land Purchase; it's the best investment the Town has ever made. HD also thanked the Selectmen for their support.

**Motion to adjourn made by Chairman DeBoer.
Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 2 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator