

# Town of Epping, NH

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## WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES January 6, 2015

### **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: Chris Albert of Jones & Beach** gave a recap of the Epping Crossing Well Project & HD talked about the Emery & Garrett proposal for the next phase. HD also gave a history of where we stand with our current water situation.

The Emery & Garrett proposal for the final phase has a cost of \$226,200 - \$242,840. This cost includes renting pumps and generators for the pump test. HD explained that well F1 has been excluded from the permitting process, but we will apply for the maximum withdrawal from wells D2 & E1.

**Motion by Commissioner Langdon to accept Emery & Garrett's proposal; with HD negotiating the price of Section VII, to be capped at \$242,840.00. Seconded by Chairman DeBoer. Motion carried 2-0.**

### **3. Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion by Commissioner Langdon to approve the minutes of December 2, 2014 as submitted. Seconded by Chairman DeBoer. Motion carried 2-0.**

**4 Administrator's Report: DK** discussed an email from NHDES regarding some MtBE sampling they are going to be conducting in the Rt. 125 corridor. HD will discuss this with E&G.

DK reviewed a response email from Stacey Herbold of NHDES regarding our Water Conservation Plan, specifically our proposal to start replacing 50 service meters per year.

DK presented the Asset Management Plan Proposal from Weston & Sampson. A discussion followed. Water AM is the bulk of the project and totals \$28,750 with a 50% matching grant from DES.

Sewer system data will be collected for an additional \$1,500 and Storm Water data will be collected for an additional \$750. Sewer and Storm Water are not part of the grant project and will be paid by their departments separately.

**Motion by Commissioner Langdon to accept the Weston & Sampson Asset Management Plan Proposal for \$31,000.00. Seconded by Chairman DeBoer. Motion carried 2-0.**

DK reviewed the proposal from White Columns Solutions, LLC to broker our electricity supply for the WWTF at a savings over PSNH. The supplier will be First Point Power, LLC for a 22 month term at the rate of \$0.0779 per KWH.

**Motion by Commissioner Langdon to accept White Columns proposal.  
Seconded by Chairman DeBoer. Motion carried 2-0.**

DK reports that the Pine & Pond meters were switched out to radio read units as of 12/22/2014. Norm took reading of the 62 functioning meters before all 125 were replaced.

DK reports that Utility Service Group has left the Gauthier Tower site for the winter. They still have about a week of work left to do in the spring, primarily painting above the water line. No need to drain the tank again.

**5. Operator's Report:** Norm Dionne reports that the water tanks are finally equalized after filling Gauthier Tower. He had to purchase seven truckloads of bulk water from Buxton to help fill the tank.

The Hoar Pond wells are very low right now and the pumps are running 19 hours per day.

**6. Commissioner's Reports:**

**Commissioner Langdon: Nothing.**

**Chairman DeBoer:** HD stressed that the wells are very low and we will need to maintain the outside water ban until the new wells come on-line.

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Langdon.  
Seconded by Chairman DeBoer. Motion carried 3 – 0.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.  
Water & Sewer Administrator