

Town of Epping, NH

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Water & Sewer Commissioners
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WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 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. Approval of Minutes: April 7, 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Langdon to approve the minutes of April 7, 2015 as submitted.
Seconded by Chairman DeBoer. Motion carried 2-0.

3 Administrator's Report: DK announced a service meter replacement loan program offered through NHDES. Loans are low interest, with 5% principal forgiveness. HD stated this would require a warrant article be passed by the town. We can look into it for next Town meeting.

Regarding the on-going situation with electronic read meters installed at Pine & Pond, the latest offer from the Stiles Co. is \$7,800.00 for the hand held reader, software and training, and they will include six free E-series meters with radio heads (a \$1,320 value).

The fire hydrant on Pleasant Street in front of the tower is very old, too close to the road and set too low to the ground. DK brought up replacing this hydrant. Norm will look into prices for replacing the hydrant and adding a shut-off valve.

DK reviewed a letter from NHDES regarding high levels of arsenic in MW5 at the WWTF. Chris Albert suggests that we start the investigation by taking four samples of lagoon water, to determine if that is the source of the arsenic.

Weston & Sampson want to meet with the W&SC to discuss wrapping up the Asset Management program as the paperwork must be submitted by May 22, 2015.

4. Operator's Report: Norm Dionne, nothing.

5. Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Langdon: Nothing.

Chairman DeBoer: HD reminded water customers that the outside watering ban is still in effect. It is a long process to get approval for the new Epping Crossing wells and we are working as fast as permissible. We face a drastic water shortage and could face a water moratorium on development.

HD asked everyone to make a conscious effort to conserve water.

Emery & Garrett will be conducting the large pump test in June.

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Langdon.
Seconded by Chairman DeBoer. Motion carried 2 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator