

Town of Epping, NH

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Water & Sewer Commissioners
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WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES December 6, 2016

Attendance:

Chairman Henry DeBoer, Commissioner Mike King, 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: Joe Gauthier of 7 Acres Street came in to discuss his estimated water bill of 16,500 gallons. He feels this is stealing because he didn't know his meter was broken. His bill has been estimated since 2013. HD explained the policy and a discussion followed.

All agreed that we will go back one year and charge 120 gpd because only two people live in the house. This will result in an abatement of 22,800 gallons.

DK will stamp all ESTIMATED bills in the future.

Donna Boutin of the Pond Side Motel came in to discuss a water leak she had that led to a high sewer bill. HD recused himself from the discussion because DB is a customer of Epping Well & Pump. DB explained that she had a water leak under one of the units and the water was not going into the sewer. The sewer bill was 160,414 gallons higher than the normal 130,087.

Motion by Commissioner King to abate \$1,071.54 in sewer charges for the Pond Side Motel. Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 2-0. HD recused himself.

Chris Albert of Jones & Beach gave an update on the Epping Crossing Wells.

A preliminary startup was done last Friday and they had some problems with the backwash pressure. Smith Pump is going to install a bladder tank to stabilize the pressure. Secondwind will be out next week to start working on the chlorine and ferric.

CA has applied for a \$20K Energy Audit grant and a \$30K Asset Management Grant; to be combined with the Underwood Engineers EPA Compliance Project.

CA has received a comment letter from Bradley Mesquita of Tighe & Bond regarding the Governor's Run project. CA is working on a response letter.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner King to approve the minutes of October 31, 2016 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 3-0.

4 Administrator's Report: DK presented an email from Kim Gaudreau of 126 Railroad Ave. regarding reimbursement for sewer line work she had performed, which ended up being a root mass in the sewer main. HD feels it is the Town's responsibility to handle this problem.

Motion by Commissioner King to reimburse Kim Gaudreau \$550.00 for plumbing work done. Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 3-0.

Abatement request from Joelle Case, 67 Railroad Ave. for \$521.76 due to high reading of water meter. A used meter was installed and the beginning number was not recorded.

Motion by Commissioner King to approve the abatement for \$521.76. Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 3-0.

Abatement request from Jamie Arnfield of Pine & Pond, unit D14 for \$126.67 due to meter reading. Request denied, meter appears to be working.

DK reviewed a letter from the EPA regarding an upcoming mandatory survey of the WWTF.

5. Operator's Report: Norm Dionne reported that Mike Bruce is still working out well, although he needs help soon in running the WWTF.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner King: Nothing.

Commissioner Langdon: PL talked to the Epping PD about traffic control when Norm has an emergency and needs to work in the road. Rich McFadden is going to look into it.

Chairman DeBoer: Nothing.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Langdon. Seconded by Commissioner King. Motion carried 3 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator