

Town of Epping, NH

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WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES April 5, 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: Chris Albert of Jones & Beach, Steve Guercia of Secondwind Water, Mike Trainque and Dave Edson of Hoyle, Tanner & Associates

A meeting was held at NHDES on April 1, 2016. DES has rejected our first treatment proposal. HTA has been brought in to facilitate a path forward, using a 100 gpm pilot study.

DES wants a full 435 gpm design completed after the pilot study. The treatment facility may then be built and brought on-line in phases.

HTA must ensure whatever we build will work, while keeping future operation and maintenance in mind.

Secondwind can do the hardware installation, if it's not overly complicated.

HD says we must be fast and cost effective.

The next meeting with DES is April 18th at 10:00 am.

HTA will provide a proposal, W&S will meet next Monday or Tuesday to review and approve.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Langdon to approve the minutes of March 1, 2016 as submitted. Seconded by Chairman DeBoer. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner King abstained.

4 Administrator's Report: DK discussed the request of Waterstone Retail for a refund of \$34,800.00 in un-used water and sewer connection fees at the Brickyard Square site.

Motion by Commissioner Langdon to refund Waterstone Retail \$34,800.00. Seconded by Commissioner King. Motion carried 3-0.

DK presented a proposal from Monarch Electrical Service to replace 10 lights at the WWTF with new LED fixtures for a cost of \$135.00 each.

Motion by Commissioner King to accept Monarch Electric's proposal of \$1,350.00 to replace lights. Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 3-0.

DK updated the Board on the sewer pump station agreement for Epping Crossing Wells. HD said to give it to John Ratigan to review when RG is done making corrections.

Abatement request for \$51.74 due to a unit in Pine & Pond being empty during the first quarter.

**Motion by Commissioner King to approve the abatement for \$51.74.
Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 3-0.**

DK discussed the leaking water line that runs across the front of the Prospect Cemetery. The Town is discussing improvements to this area and W&S should consider replacing this section of line due to its age and poor condition. DK will work on a price quote.

The Board discussed the Order of Compliance issued by the EPA to address issues at the WWTF. The Board is not going to sign the order if it waives the Town's future rights. John Ratigan will review and advise.

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

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner King: Nothing.

Commissioner Langdon: Administering the Pine & Pond water bills has many negative unintended consequences. The Board should consider withdrawing from the agreement to provide this service. Can we go back to issuing P&P one large bill, and let them bill the individual residents based on their meter readings? DK will check with DES.

Chairman DeBoer: Would like everyone to know that the Board is working hard on connecting the new wells and that this process is not easy.

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner King.
Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 3 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator