

# Town of Epping, NH

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## WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES June 6, 2017

### **Attendance:**

Chairman Henry DeBoer, Commissioner Mike King, Commissioner Paul Langdon, BOS Rep. Mike Yergeau, W&S Administrator Dennis Koch; W&S Operator Norm Dionne

### **1. Call to Order:**

Chairman DeBoer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Epping Town Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

**2. Appointments: Dave Mercier of Underwood Engineering** reviewed his draft report on the WWTF. Data was collected from the past three years of operation. There are not a lot of violations and DM feels that the administrative order stems mainly from maintenance issues and personality conflicts.

The current mode of operation at the WWTF is one speed, 24/7. This causes problems in the cold weather, especially at night when the plant is feeding cold, weak lagoon water into the process. Programming will be done by GE to allow flow matching in the colder weather/at night. Although the plant does need some operational changes, DM believes it is fundamentally sound. The total amount of upgrades and changes is estimated to cost \$1.5 million dollars. Epping should pursue grants through the State, Rural Development and Community Development Block Grants.

**Motion by Commissioner Langdon to accept the draft report by Dave Mercier, comply with the administrative order and submit the report to NHDES and USEPA no later than June 9, 2017. Seconded by Commissioner King. Motion carried 3-0.**

Chris Albert of Jones & Beach reports that Dave Edson of Hoyle and Tanner has completed the Pilot Study Report for the Epping Crossing Wells and it is ready for submittal. CA is still working on the O&M manual.

June 30, 2017 is the deadline for pre-applications for the 2018 SRF loans.

**Motion by Commissioner King to apply for \$1.5M SRF loan to complete upgrades at the WWTF. Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 3-0.**

Norm Dionne reports that the iron level is rising in the water from the ECW site. Secondwind came out to investigate and determined that the ferric pump is set too low. Iron is settling to the bottom of the barrel. 7 GPD is the lowest pump, so we need to change the diameter of the tubing to reduce the flow.

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

**Motion by Commissioner Langdon to approve the minutes of May 2, 2017 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner King. Motion carried 3-0.**

**4 Administrator's Report:** DK presented a proposal from GE for programming work at the WWTF to enable flow matching for \$9,270.00.

**Motion by Commissioner King to accept the proposal for \$9,270.00, provided they complete the installation job in the two days as stated.  
Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 3-0.**

There is a meeting with DES Dam Bureau tomorrow, June 7 at 1:00 pm at the WWTF to discuss the upcoming dam permit.

DK presented a price of \$1,934.44 for a new fire hydrant and \$3,500.00 for F&S Construction to install, at the corner of Main Street and Rt. 27.

**Motion by Commissioner King to approve the purchase and installation of the hydrant.  
Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 3-0.**

Eastern Pipeline proposal to rehab the SMH at Mill St. and Elm St. for \$6,050.00. This includes the installation of a new drop bowl.

The Board requested more information on the \$2,150.00 cost of entry and installation.

Mark Votto / Weston & Sampson's current 30 day contract expires on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion by Commissioner Langdon to extend another 30 days.  
Seconded by Commissioner King. Motion carried 3-0.**

**5. Operator's Report:** Norm Dionne reports that two wells are down at Hoar Pond due to an electrical strike. Well #1 needed a new VFD, it is back up and running. Well #2 needs a new pump and motor. Waiting for the new 15hp motor. Will insurance cover this damage? DK will check.

**6. Commissioner's Reports:**

**Commissioner King: Nothing.**

**Commissioner Langdon: Nothing.**

**Chairman DeBoer: Nothing.**

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner King.  
Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 3 – 0.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.  
Water & Sewer Administrator