

Town of Epping, NH

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Water & Sewer Commissioners
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WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES September 5, 2017

Attendance:

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

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: Dave Mercier of Underwood Engineers gave a recap of the issues at the WWTF:

Administrative Order

Underwood's report

Schedule of long & short term projects

Proposal for design of the short term goals

Long term goal is closing lagoon #2

DM believes that our coming new permit for the WWTF will include a total nitrogen limit. The current WWTF can't meet the goal, will need a \$3.5 M upgrade.

The lagoons could be cleaned, lined and kept in service. EPA wants them closed.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner King to approve the minutes of August 1, 2017 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 3-0.

4 Administrator's Report: DK asked about the Source Water Protection Grant for fencing around the wells. He and Chris Albert will work on the application.

CA says he is almost done with the O&M manual for the Epping Crossing Wells.

Discussed sewer rates and the need for an increase starting with the third quarter.

Motion by Commissioner King to raise residential and commercial sewer rates by 20% and raise the residential unit fee by \$5.00 and the commercial unit fee by \$10.00 per quarter. Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Operator's Report: Norm Dionne thanked Henry for his 18 years of service.

Jim Pouliot discussed the need to adjust our septage receiving rates according to a sliding scale based on the size of the truck.

Motion by Commissioner Langdon to adjust the septage rates to a sliding scale based on truck size and full loads. Seconded by Commissioner King. Motion carried 3-0.

JP also discussed the need for a camera to monitor septage trucks dumping.

Motion by Commissioner King to purchase a camera for septage receiving observation. Seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner King: Presented Henry with a plaque for his 18 years of service.

Commissioner Langdon: Thanked Henry for all his years of service.

Chairman DeBoer: Said it has been a privilege and an honor to serve the citizens of Epping for the last 18 years. Thank you very much.

BOS Rep. Mike Yergeau: Nothing.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator