

Town of Epping, NH

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Water & Sewer Commissioners
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Water & Sewer Administrator
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WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES January 7, 2020

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Gauthier, Commissioner Bob Bean, Commissioner John Dold
BOS Rep. Mike Yergeau, W&S Administrator Dennis Koch
W&S Operators Jim Pouliot & Norm Dionne

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Gauthier 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:

Motion by Commissioner Bean to approve the minutes of December 10, 2019 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Appointments: Dave Mercier of Underwood Engineers presented a draft version of the Water Treatment Plant Warrant Article for discussion.

8.5M two-part project
3.5M to repay after grants
Hoar Pond is 46% of Town capacity, will be out of compliance with new arsenic limit
37 properties in west Epping with MTBe contamination
Upsized 12" pipe will provide fire protection to residents in west Epping
1.704% interest with 10% principal forgiveness
We are pursuing an additional .5M grant from CDBG

Rick Skarinka of NHDES says this is the BEST funding package he's seen.

Discussion then turned to the Draft General Permit being issued by EPA/DES and the total nitrogen limits for Great Bay.
This would mean an upgrade at the WWTF and annual sampling and reporting.

Motion by Chairman Gauthier to approve a \$5,000.00 retainer for Underwood Engineers to formulate comments on the draft permit. Seconded by Commissioner Bean. Motion carried 3-0.

Update on the Membrane Replacement project: RFPs were sent out. After tabulation of the results, Weiss Water and the AQQA Membrane were chosen. These have a 10 year pro-rated warranty.

4 Administrator's Report: Dennis Koch presented a letter from NHDES regarding the current state of the Town's water system and outlining their concerns.

Abatement request for \$87.78 due to a billing error.

Motion by Commissioner Bean to approve the abatement of \$87.78. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0.

DK gave an update on the gasoline tanker spill on Rt. 101.

DK presented a proposal from New England Backflow to continue conducting the backflow device testing, holding their price of \$47.50 per device.

Motion by Commissioner Bean to approve NEBF proposal. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Operator's Report: JP wants to generate an RFP for emergency work on the water and sewer systems and put this work out to bid every year.

Motion by Chairman Gauthier to proceed with the RFP. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0.

JP asked for permission to start remodeling the break room at the WWTF. OK to start.

JP reports that he had to do some repairs to stabilize the back corner pavement at the plant. Rip-rap was installed to secure the banking.

Norm Dionne: Nothing.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Bean: Nothing.

Commissioner Dold: Nothing.

Chairman Gauthier: Motion to go into non-public session to discuss personnel and adjourn directly after that. Seconded by Commissioner Bean. Motion carried 3-0.

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Dold.
Seconded by Commissioner Bean. Motion carried 3 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator

Minutes approved:

Tom Gauthier, Chairman

Robert Bean, Commissioner

John Dold, Commissioner