

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 October 6, 2020

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Gauthier, Commissioner John Dold, Commissioner Tom Dwyer
BOS Rep. Mike Yergeau, W&S Administrator Dennis Koch, W&S Operator Jim Pouliot

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 Dwyer to approve the minutes of August 5, 2020 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 2-0. TG abstained.

Motion by Chairman Gauthier to approve the minutes of September 1, 2020 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 2-0. TD abstained.

3. Appointments: Joe Falzone, Trailside Landing Development on Railroad Avenue. A sewer discharge permit is approved for 5,700 GPD. One triplex will discharge to RR Ave., the rest will flow to St. Laurent St. 19 two bedroom units with individual water shut-offs and meters. JP wants a fire hydrant at the end of the dead end line in the cul-de-sac.

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to approve 5,700 GPD of water and sewer. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0.

Appointment: Joe Coronati and Rob Graham, Canterbury Commons. A new site plan has been approved. 102 single and duplex units, 19,575 GPD needed. All units will have individual meters, shut-offs and service lines. Everything will be built to Town specs. HOA will own the pipes until we connect a water line on Fogg Rd., creating a loop. At that time we will take over ownership of the water lines and hydrants.

We owe the Developer 36K gallons of water per day. They are going to use 19,575 gpd for this project, leaving 16,425 gpd owed. Original water allocation will be modified to reflect this.

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to allow modification of the existing water allocation agreement to reflect the use of 19,575 gpd for this project. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0.

4 Administrator's Report: Dennis Koch requested an abatement of \$73.27 for 7 Acre Street. This is for sewer charges for water used in irrigation.

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to abate \$73.27 in sewer charges. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 2-0. TG recused himself for this vote.

DK presented Underwood Engineer's ESR #19 for \$10,267.20 for the addition of one home to the West Epping water line

Motion by Chairman Gauthier to approve ESR #19 for \$10,267.20. Seconded by Chairman Dold. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Operator's Report: Jim Pouliot presented a contract from Beta Group for engineering design work on water and sewer lines on rt. 125. \$19,540 for a conceptual design

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the design contract from Beta Group for \$19,540. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0.

JP then presented a draft contract from Underwood Engineers for the design phase of the Lagoon closure project for \$146,900. USDA has to approve the contract. We will need interim funding for the first 5.7M of this project, then USDA takes over. TD feels we can't sign this until we have the funding worked out. We need a meeting with Lisa Fogg and Dave Mercier.

JP is in discussions with NHDES regarding Hoar Pond wells after July 1st.

JP reviewed the 2021 budget. No 3% salary increases are included.

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to include 3% salary increases. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Dwyer: Would like to see a further breakdown of water revenues.

Commissioner Dold: Nothing.

Chairman Gauthier: Thanked voters for approving the lagoon closure project during the special Town meeting.

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Dwyer.
Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted
Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator

Minutes approved:



Tom Gauthier, Chairman



Tom Dwyer, Commissioner

John Dold, Commissioner