

Town of Epping, NH

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Water & Sewer Commissioners
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WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2020

Remote meeting via Zoom

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.

2. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the minutes of May 11, 2020 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Appointments: Brittany Howard, Epping Town Planner joined to discuss the Castine 10 lot subdivision off of Jenness Rd. It is assumed that the groundwater will test positive for MTBe. DES is willing to add a water line and service to a curb stop for each lot. They will not pay to connect each house or pay the connection fees. This would be an add-on to the current project. Castine needs to come to Water & Sewer with conditional Planning Board approval, then we will ask DES to move forward.

Joe Coronati of Jones & Beach and Joshua Manning of Lewis Builders presented a revised plan for water service to Lewis' proposed subdivision. DI pipe will be used, the line will go cross-country and connect to Windbrook Dr., gate valves every 1,000'. The roads are to remain private, but W&S will maintain the lines.

Motion by Chairman Gauthier to authorize Lewis Builders to connect 166 two bedroom units and one community center. System will be built to Town specifications and include a blanket utility easement to allow Town access and maintenance to the curb stop in the entire system. Seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. Motion carried 3-0 via roll-call vote.

Dave Mercier of Underwood Engineers discussed the bid opening for the membrane replacement and pump station upgrade. Only one bid was received and it is \$262K over the budgeted price of \$2.19M. A discussion followed on how to lower the cost. A State Aid Grant may be received to help pay for this.

We will plan a short meeting for June 15th to discuss this.

Permitting well F1 at the Epping Crossing site was discussed. This is partly due to Hoar Pond wells being over the new lower arsenic limit.

The Great Bay General Permit was discussed. A letter has been sent to DES.

4 .Administrator’s Report: Dennis Koch called for a reorganization of the Board.

**Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to appoint Tom Gauthier Chairman.
Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0 via roll-call.**

**Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to appoint John Dold Vice Chairman.
Seconded by Chairman Gauthier. Motion carried 3-0 via roll-call.**

DK reports that 38 Plumer Road has decided not to connect to Town sewer.

Next regular meeting will be July 7, 2020.

5. Operator’s Report: Jim Pouliot reports that the current amount of available water is disappointing. We need to consider permitting well F1 as a back-up well.

JP needed to replace the radiator on the generator at the WWTP. This was an emergency repair that cost around \$7,000.00

6. Commissioner’s Reports:

Commissioner Dwyer: Nothing.

Commissioner Dold: Nothing.

Chairman Gauthier: Nothing.

BOS Rep. Yergeau: Nothing.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator

Minutes approved:

Tom Gauthier, Chairman

Tom Dwyer, Commissioner

John Dold, Commissioner