

Town of Epping, NH

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WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2020

Remote meeting via Zoom

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Gauthier, Commissioner John Dold, Commissioner Tom Dwyer
W&S Administrator Dennis Koch
W&S Operators Jim Pouliot & Norm Dionne

1. Call to Order:

Vice Chairman Dold called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. (Chairman Gauthier joined later).

2. Appointments: Becky & Eben Hearn, 39 Water Street, joined to discuss the recent discovery that they were not in fact connected to the sewer system, although they have been billed for sewer since they purchased the property. Everyone thought this property was on town sewer.

They paid Mr. Rooter \$1,976.13 to discover the problem. They are facing a \$4,300.00 bill from Mike Holmes to remove the old tanks and connect them to Town sewer. The work has been completed. They would like relief from the Town for this situation.

Commissioner Dwyer suggested: a refund of the \$1,622.35 paid for past sewer bills, pay \$2,500.00 towards the construction and charge no connection fee.

Commissioner Dold suggested: a refund of the \$1,622.35 paid for past sewer bills, pay the entire \$6,276.13 Holmes & Mr. Rooter bills and charge no connection fee.

TD suggested the issue be tabled until the July 7th meeting.

Dave Mercier of Underwood Engineers gave an update on the membrane replacement project. One bid was received and it is \$265K over our budget. DM and JP are working to bring this price down. One option to reduce costs is to stay with above ground pumps but JP does not want that. They lose prime too often and without the lagoons this will be very problematic.

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to stay with the original design of submersible pumps and add an additional \$100K into next year's sewer budget to cover the cost. Additional money will come from septage receipts. Seconded by Chairman Gauthier. Motion carried 3-0 by roll-call vote.

3. Administrator's Report: DK reports that we are ready to begin reading meters for the second quarter bills.

5. Operator's Report: JP discussed future paving on rt. 27, he has put Lewis Builders in touch with NHDOT to discuss.

We have 13 sewer manholes to raise. JP has a price of \$400.00 each from Continental Paving.

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to hire Continental to raise the SMHs for \$400.00 each. Seconded by Chairman Gauthier. Motion carried 3-0 by roll-call vote.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Dwyer: Nothing.

Commissioner Dold: Nothing.

Chairman Gauthier: Nothing.

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Dwyer.
Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3 – 0 by roll-call vote.
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator

Minutes approved:

Tom Gauthier, Chairman

Tom Dwyer, Commissioner

John Dold, Commissioner