

Town of Epping, NH

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

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Gauthier, Commissioner John Dold, Commissioner Tom Dwyer
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 remotely via Zoom.

2. Appointments: Becky and Eben Hearn of 39 Water Street joined to further discuss the issue of having to connect to sewer when we all believed the house was already connected.

Chairman Gauthier made a motion that we pay the \$4,300.00 construction cost, one year refund of \$433.18 and no connection fee will be charged. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0 by roll-call vote.

Joe Falzone and Scott Cole (Beals Associates) joined to discuss JF's proposed development between Railroad Ave. and St. Laurent St. 19 two bedroom units are proposed needing 5,700 GPD with fire suppression. We are very limited on new water connections until we permit well F1. SC was asked to design sewer line onto St. Laurent St. TD, no commitment yet. JD is in favor of this project, believes it should be on water and sewer.

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer that we are in support of this project being on water and sewer. Seconded by commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0 by roll-call vote.

Daniel Castine joined to discuss his proposed development on Jenness Rd. This site is the old Tim & Joni's Salvage and the water is very likely contaminated with Mtbe. The State is willing to install a 4" water main into the site, including service lines with curb stops at the property line. DC is responsible for upsizing the line to 6" to accommodate two fire hydrants, running service lines into each house, installing meters and paying the connection fees.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Dold to approve the minutes of June 2 & 22, 2020 as submitted. Seconded by Chairman Gauthier. Motion carried 2-0.

4 Administrator's Report: Dennis Koch reports that second quarter billing is wrapping up.

Town Hall is still closed to the public, BOS are working on an opening plan.

Next meeting will be July 28 at 7:00 pm due to Commissioner availability.

5. Operator's Report: Jim Pouliot discussed an RFP for design work on Railroad Ave. Water, sewer, drainage & road improvements are needed. Highway is willing to share the cost of this design work.

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to do an RFP for engineering on Railroad Ave., to be in coordination with the Highway Department. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0 via roll-call vote.

Footings for the Water Treatment Plant are in.

The contract for construction of the membrane and pump station upgrade will be available soon, we need to authorize Chairman Gauthier to sign it.

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to authorize Chairman Gauthier to sign the construction contract. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0 via roll-call vote.

Rough numbers for the Lagoon Closure project have been received:
7.3 M grant, 5.7M loan at 1.125% interest rate. Solar farm component should generate about \$180K per year. The bond payment will be about \$225K per year, with the balance after electrical savings to be paid by sewer rate payers.

A special Town Meeting is required to accept the funds of this grant and authorize the project. The vote needs to be before September 30th so we are planning to hold it during the September 8th election. The Town must receive court permission.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Dwyer: Wording for the Warrant Article? JP will let us know when it's done.

Commissioner Dold: Nothing.

Chairman Gauthier: Nothing.

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Dold.
Seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. Motion carried 3 – 0 via roll-call vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator

Minutes approved:

Tom Gauthier, Chairman

Tom Dwyer, Commissioner

John Dold, Commissioner