

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 December 7, 2020

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Gauthier, Commissioner John Dold, Commissioner Tom Dwyer
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 October 27, 2020 as submitted. Seconded by Chairman Gauthier. Motion carried 2-0. JD abstained.

3. Appointments: Joe Coronati of Jones & Beach Engineers discussed several points of the Lewis Builders water system plan. A discussion followed regarding the size of certain sections of main and using hydrants as opposed to blow offs.

Lewis will install 8" stubs for Lamprey Village Drive and Franks Way.

The sleeves under rt. 27 will be HDPE pipe.

J&B will slide the location of two hydrants on rt. 27 to better align with the intersections of Lamprey Village Drive and Franks Way.

Joe Coronati also discussed Jim Jossick wanting to connect the Comcast Building to sewer and run a fire service line from rt.125.

4 Administrator's Report: DK presented the Canterbury Commons Water Allocation Agreement for approval. Commissioners will come to Town Hall and sign and notarize.

DK presented the Verizon Wireless Lease Agreement for the Pleasant Street Tower. BOS have decided to take all of the revenue from the lease and give none to the Water Department to off-set maintenance costs.

A discussion on Pine & Pond compliance with the water supply agreement was next. DK and JP are repeatedly dealing with issues such as: broken pipes, leaking valve box, brown water complaints, no shut-off valves, broken meters and delinquent accounts.

The Board suggested P&P attend a meeting to discuss these issues.

DK presented several abatement requests.

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to approve abatements for 31 High Street, 171 Main Street and 290 Calef Highway, Unit C26.

An abatement for Plumer Court Condos was discussed and the Board requested proof that the problem with the sewer pump station was addresses before an abatement is issued.

5. Operator's Report: Jim Pouliot presented a PO for Ovivo to purchase aerators for the membrane project costing \$18,573.00.

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the Ovivo PO for \$18,573.00. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0.

JP presents a uniform policy and a request to cancel the Cintas' uniform contract in February; and move to a system of paying employees a stipend to purchase their own jeans and shirts.

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the uniform policy and cancel the current Cintas contract. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Dwyer: Nothing.

Commissioner Dold: JD announced this will be his last meeting and that he is resigning from the Water and Sewer Commission. It has been a pleasure serving the Town and the WSC.

Chairman Gauthier: Motion by Chairman Gauthier to accept the resignation of Commissioner Dold. Seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Dold. Seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. Motion carried 3 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator

Minutes approved:

Tom Gauthier, Chairman

Tom Dwyer, Commissioner