

# Town of Epping, NH

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Water & Sewer Commissioners  
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## WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES September 14, 2021

### **Attendance:**

Chairman Tom Dwyer, Commissioner Marc Nickerson, Commissioner Tom Gauthier  
BOS Rep. Mike Yergeau, W&S Administrator Dennis Koch

### **1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Dwyer 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 Gauthier to approve the minutes of August 3, 2021 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.**

**3. Appointments:** Austin Turner and Attorney Manzelli returned to further discuss 46 Martin Road. They have updated their letter of intent to include \$300K towards finding water anywhere and \$30K towards a study of infrastructure conditions as they pertain to this project. These funds would be in addition to their connection fees. A discussion followed. AM says Epping has not met its obligation for workforce housing. We will have to look into that.

Mike Fecteau spoke against the project, being a developer and tax payer in town for many years, he should be on a list of future water users. He asked about a policy for getting on a list of future water users.

Heather Clark agrees that others are waiting for water and 46 Martin Road shouldn't be able to buy their way to the front of the line.

Most agreed that we need another source of water and that we should not give all of our existing capacity to one developer.

**Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to forward the L.O.I. to Attorney Ratigan for review. He can speak with Attorney Manzelli if he chooses. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.**

**4 Administrator's Report:** DK sent a letter regarding the ARPA funds to the BOS discussing the need to permit well F1.

DK discussed the updated billing policy, will add information regarding sewer abatements for water leaked to the ground.

DK reviewed the current water availability sheet.

Next W&S meeting will be October 5, 2021.

**5. Commissioner's Reports:**

**Chairman Dwyer:** Budget workshop tomorrow @12:30 in the Town Hall.

Meeting with Synagro regarding lagoon #2 closure this coming Thursday at the WWTP.

New membranes for train #2 arrive 10/15. We need to start demo work now.

Underwood can do a study of moving the pilot treatment plant to Hoar Pond for \$20K. They estimate that project may cost up to two million dollars.

**Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to approve the UE feasibility study for Hoar Pond treatment. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.**

F1 will cost \$200K to permit and up to \$750K to connect and bring online.

Underwood can do a master water plan for \$75K.

**Commissioner Nickerson:** Nothing.

**Commissioner Gauthier:** Let Town Administrator know the ARPA funds letter estimate for developing F1 is too low.

**BOS Rep. Yergeau:** Believes there is a cost analysis of the water and sewer work needed on Rt. 125, check with Greg.

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Gauthier. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.  
Water & Sewer Administrator

**Minutes approved:**

  
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Tom Dwyer, Chairman

  
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Marc Nickerson, Commissioner

  
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Tom Gauthier, Commissioner