

Town of Epping, NH

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Water & Sewer Commissioners
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WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES March 2, 2021

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Gauthier, 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 remotely via Zoom.

2. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the minutes of February 3, 2021 as submitted. Seconded by Chairman Gauthier. Motion carried 2-0.

3. Appointments: Paul Gatchell discussed his future 20 unit apartment building at 232 Main Street. This project is 2-3 years away. Water and sewer connection fees were discussed.

Motion by Chairman Gauthier to allow water and sewer connection fees after one year of full occupancy based on actual water use. Seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. Motion carried 2-0.

4 Administrator's Report: DK discussed the latest letter from Underwood Engineers regarding Lewis Builders' Pleasant View Farm. The water pressure issue has not been resolved yet. Also, there is some discussion about the size of the sleeves under route 27. JP will contact Jones & Beech for clarity on these issues.

5. Operator's Report: A discussion on trench boxes was next. Highway Department will not contribute to the cost. TD feels that we should purchase one from the sewer budget, and make sure it is compatible with the Highway Department equipment.

Motion by Chairman Gauthier to purchase the trench box from NTE for \$8,479.19 from the sewer budget. Seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. Motion carried 2-0.

JP discussed the need to replace one of the supplemental blowers at the WWTF. It is 20 years old and on the way out. JP says \$15K to rebuild or \$30K to replace with new.

Motion by Chairman Gauthier to purchase a new blower from Innovair for \$29,495.00. Seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. Motion carried 2-0.

DES waterline project is on hold until the paving issues and Railroad Ave. water line are resolved.

MY said the Town's engineering cost should go down if the State picks up the water line portion of Railroad Ave.

JP says the Lagoon #2 project will be going out to bid soon.
Membranes in train 3 starting up this week.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Dwyer: Nothing.

Chairman Gauthier: Motion by Chairman Gauthier to adopt the Covid-19 guidelines established by the BOS. Seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. Motion carried 2-0.

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Dwyer.
Seconded by Chairman Gauthier. Motion carried 2-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator

Minutes approved:

Tom Gauthier, Chairman

Tom Dwyer, Commissioner