

Town of Epping, NH

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Water & Sewer Commissioners
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WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES May 18, 2021

Attendance:

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

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.

Motion by Tom Gauthier to name Tom Dwyer Chairman.

Seconded by Marc Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Tom Gauthier to name Marc Nickerson Vice Chairman.

Seconded by Tom Dwyer. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to approve the minutes of March 29, 2021 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to approve and seal the non-public minutes of March 29, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Gauthier. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to approve and seal the non-public minutes of May 13, 2021. Seconded by Chairman Dwyer. Motion carried 2-0. TG abstained.

3. Appointments: Erika Robinson, Town Clerk and Tax Collector came in to discuss the policy regarding delinquent accounts and collections. ER needs clear rules to follow and the auditors are looking for that. JP has worked up a detailed policy. After some discussion, Chairman Dwyer asked if homes can be occupied when water service is shut off. JP will refer this question to legal counsel.

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to send the policy to John Ratigan for review after adjustments are made. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.

4 Administrator's Report: DK reviewed the progress made by the Plumer Court Condo Association in repairing their sewer pump station. Abatement is approved provided the readings are returning to normal.

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to approve the abatement of \$14,431.85 for PCCA provided the readings return to normal. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Dwyer has requested a change of day and time for WS meetings, tabled.

DK presented 2021 water tower inspection reports for both towers, no major issues.

5. Operator's Report: JP reports that the Gauthier Tower had a leak upon re-filling after the inspection. White Co. was called in to repair, done. Tank is back on-line.

JP suggested an open house for the new water treatment plant sometime in September.

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to have an open house for the new water treatment plant sometime in September. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.

Synagro won the Lagoon #2 bid at \$4.2 Million. Looking at a mid-June, early July start. JP asked who's name should be on the contract documents. Just Chairman Dwyer, by consensus.

No updates on the water line extension project, but DES is considering a booster pump station now.

Regarding the new General Permit for the WWTF, Dave Mercier is writing a comment letter.

JP presented a PO for fencing around the wells at Epping Crossing site, after some discussion it was decided to go back and price out a 30'x30' fence around each well.

JP suggested an outside watering ban due to current drought conditions. The WSC prefers to wait to discuss at the July meeting. Please conserve water.

BOS Rep. Mike Yergeau asked if anything more has been heard about reducing salt use on Fresh River Rd.? Something may need to be presented in March regarding the Aquifer Protection Zone. DOT will not reduce salt on 101 or 125 due to safety concerns.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Chairman Dwyer: Thanked the three interested candidates for offering to fill in on W&S.

Commissioner Nickerson: Thanks to Tom Gauthier for coming back to the Water and Sewer Commission until next March.

Commissioner Gauthier: Nothing.

Motion by Chairman Dwyer to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) and adjourn after that ends. Seconded by Commissioner Gauthier. Motion carried 3-0.

Entered into non-public at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Dennis W. Koch Jr. Water & Sewer Administrator

Minutes approved:



Tom Dwyer, Chairman



Marc Nickerson, Commissioner



Tom Gauthier, Commissioner