

# Town of Epping, NH

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Water & Sewer Commissioners  
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## WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES July 6, 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.

### **2. Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to approve the minutes of 5/18 Public, 5/18 Non-Public & 6/15 Non-Public as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.**

**3. Appointments: Paige Libbey of Jones & Beach and EJ Cheney** came to request an additional 975 GPD of water and sewer capacity for an adjustment in the plans of development for the Ladd's Lane project. Additional water and sewer connection fees of \$9,750.00 each are due.

**Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to allow the additional 975 GPD when connection fees are paid. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Austin Turner & James Prieto** came to discuss a potential development at 46 Martin Road. 315 two bedroom units, 630 bedrooms total. Water request is 94,500 GPD and sewer capacity request is 60,638 GPD. Service lines would go under Rt. 101 and connect on Fremont Road.

Town well F1 needs to be permitted to increase our water availability.  
They propose to fund the permitting of F1 with their water connection fee.  
Emery & Garrett estimate \$150K to permit and \$150K to make operational.  
If F1 permits for less than 70 GPM, we can't supply all of their needs.

MY asked if the sewer infrastructure is up to the task. Current capacity is .5 MGD and we are doing about 220K GPD. The current 8" sewer line on Railroad Ave. is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. Dave Mercier of Underwood Engineers suggests that he evaluate the entire run of sewer line to confirm the condition, at their expense.

They are looking for a min-2022 start, with the first phase completed in 18 months.  
Town will own infrastructure in the R.O.W., everything on their property stays private. Everything built to Town specs.

Going forward: Present an updated letter of intent & Dave Mercier will work up a scope for escrow purposes.

Attorney Amy Manzelli spoke and requested a continuance until our next meeting on August 3, 2021.

**Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to continue until August 3, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Dave Mercier** reviewed his handout with updates:

WWTF pilot was successful. Report sent to DES for approval of next phase. The membrane price has gone up \$34,000. We have a rebate from Eversource of \$38,000 we can use to cover the increase.

**Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to use the rebate funds to cover the membrane cost increase. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.**

The sludge removal contract with Synagro has been signed.

UE has submitted a \$114K contract for construction phase engineering.

**Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to approve the \$114K contract for construction phase engineering. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.**

Lagoon Groundwater Discharge Permit needs to be renewed. UE has an ESR for \$5,000.

**Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to approve the UE ESR for \$5,000. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to have Chairman Dwyer sign the ESR. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.**

Discussion on the Great Bay TKN Permit. DM will work up an estimate for engineering fees towards upgrading the WWTP. We will not contribute money to the Adaptive Management Framework at this time.

**Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to not sign the Adaptive Management Framework at this time. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.**

Water Treatment Plant is nearing completion. Still need to replace the pump n well E1 and decommission the pilot WTP.

MtBE Watermain Extension, State will fund full-width roadway reconstruction. New modeling shows a new 8" line on Railroad Ave and a booster pump station located at the Fremont well pump house site. MtBE is looking for more funding for the project and requiring the Town reapply to the DWGTF for more money.

**4 Administrator's Report:** DK will look into an email address for the water and sewer commission, read only?

**5. Operator's Report:** JP left the meeting. No Report.

## 6. Commissioner's Reports:

**Chairman Dwyer:** TD explained that the current outside watering ban was because Hoar Pond wells were low, and well D2 was off-line as it was being connected to the new water treatment plant.

**Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to lift the outside watering ban once the seven day trial period of the new WTP is complete. Seconded by Commissioner Gauthier. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Commissioner Nickerson:** MN asked about the new payment policy. Nothing from John Ratigan yet.

MN thanked the Highway Department for helping with the water leak on Fresh River Road.

**Commissioner Gauthier:** TG asked about using AARPA funds to permit well F1? The Town is to receive around \$700,000.

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

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