

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 November 2, 2021

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dwyer, Commissioner Marc Nickerson, Commissioner Tom Gauthier
W&S Administrator Dennis Koch, W&S Operator Mark Votto

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 October 5 & 20, 2021 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Appointments: Attorney Manzelli returned to discuss 46 Martin Road. Alexa Carpenter gave an overview of workforce housing. AM reviewed her 10/25/21 letter:

1. Her proposed MOU includes \$30K for water and sewer engineering studies.
2. They have separated water and sewer into two separate requests, looking for conditional approval of sewer connection.
3. They want to be on the list of future water connections.

AT stated that the total number of bedrooms has been reduced to around 472 to lower the capacity request to 72,000 GPD

TD stated that we would only be interested in the \$10K for a sewer study at this point. We can handle the additional flow.

TG asked if they had approval to run utilities under Rt. 101 yet. No, DOT is waiting for full design plans.

MN, no changes to the design capacity once we approve it. Allocation must stay on this site.

TD explained that this sewer approval will expire. John Ratigan said 3 years is a reasonable period, subject to extensions if progress is being made. If they get no water, the project will die.

Various people spoke in support of work force housing.

Motion by TG to approve 72,000 gpd of sewer allocation for the 46 Martin Rd. project, subject to review of sewer infrastructure, for a period of three years, subject to extension for Planning Board approval or other permitting, provided the permitting is acceptable to the Town. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.

4 Administrator's Report: DK presented an abatement request for \$441.73.

Motion by TG to approve the abatement of \$441.73. Seconded by MN. Motion carried 3-0.

DK presented a PO for a replacement blower from Aerzen for \$6,213.18.

**Motion by TG to approve the Aerzen blower for \$6,213.18. Seconded by MN.
Motion carried 3-0.**

5. Operator's Report: MV has been having alarm issues at the WWTP which contributed to the flooding incident. 9 electric motors were sent out to be repaired.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Chairman Dwyer: TD added that the entire crew did a good job addressing the emergency at the WWTP.

Commissioner Nickerson: MN asked about Train 2. It's being worked on now and #1 will follow.

Commissioner Gauthier: TG asked about well D2, nothing scheduled yet. Lewis Builders is starting the water line on rt. 27.

Comments from Audience: James Piecuch addressed the Board with several concerns regarding the 46 Martin Rd. project:

- Asked why he wasn't notified...because he's not an abutter.
- Asked if the lines would be on his property....no, kept in the ROW.
- Asked if the Booster Pump Station could be turned the long way on the lot... we will look at it's location and try to keep it away from the property line if possible.

**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:



Tom Dwyer, Chairman



Marc Nickerson, Commissioner

Tom Gauthier, Commissioner