

Town of Epping, NH

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Water & Sewer Commissioners
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WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES August 5, 2022

Attendance:

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

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Dwyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM in the Epping WWTF.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

2. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to approve the minutes of July 5, 2022 as submitted. Seconded by Chairman Dwyer. Motion carried 2-0.

3. Appointments: Dave Reinhold, Epping Highway Supervisor came in to discuss raising the grade around the lagoons in several spots. This will bring the elevation to a uniform height and maximize winter storage. DR also discussed helping with the removal of the old air piping system from lagoon #1. The Highway crew will try to remove it next week.

Dave Mercier of Underwood Engineers gave an update: The WTP is at the end of the 1-year warranty period. Final payment has been made to PRB.

DES will pay for the PRV Vault in full, this will connect the HPZ and LPZ.

100% PE stamped documents for the MTBE line have been submitted to DES, waiting for approval to bid.

Draft technical memorandum will be issued this week for the cost of adding arsenic treatment to the Hoar Pond well site.

WWTF phase 2 work is complete except for warranty issues.

Phase 3 under the \$500K ARPA grant has begun.

Lagoon #2 sludge removal is behind schedule. Synagro asked for a 5 week extension, UE recommends granting 3 weeks.

4. Administrator's Report: Abatement request for 35 Elm Street for \$379.83 due to abnormally high water bill. Meter was replaced, no leak is found.

Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to approve the abatement of \$379.83. Seconded by Chairman Dwyer. Motion carried 2-0.

Abatement request for 290 Calef Highway, B9 for \$876.87. This is the sewer portion of a high bill due to irrigation of the lawn.

Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to approve the abatement of \$876.87. Seconded by Chairman Dwyer. Motion carried 2-0.

Donna Boutin / 268 Calef Highway

Water and Sewer has received an application from **Donna Boutin** for a change in sewer connection volume and a connection to the water system at 268 Calef Highway in Epping. Currently the **Pondside Motel** uses 1,000 GPD of sewer only.

The application is for an anticipated 75 room hotel to be built on the site. Total water requested is 15,200 GPD and total sewer increase is 14,200 GPD.
(75 rooms x 200 gpd + 10 employees x 20 gpd)

A discussion followed, and it was agreed that this application is first on the list for available water, and second on the list for available sewer.

Water and sewer capacity is not available at this time as the Town looks for additional sources of water and resolves current technical issues at the WWTF.

Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to deny a water connection and increased sewer flow at this time due to capacity issues. Application will be held for future consideration, when capacity issues are resolved. Seconded by Chairman Dwyer. Motion carried 2-0.

DK presented a letter to NHDES requesting a completion extension of Phase 2 work at the WWTF.

Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to approve and sign the letter to DES. Seconded by Chairman Dwyer. Motion carried 2-0.

DK presented a letter of resignation from Charlie Goodspeed, which was accepted with regret.

5. Operator's Report: Mark Votto reports that things are running well at the plant, treating everything that comes in daily.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Chairman Dwyer: No.

Commissioner Nickerson: No.


Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Nickerson. Seconded by Chairman Dwyer. Motion carried 2 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator

Minutes approved:


Tom Dwyer, Chairman


Marc Nickerson, Commissioner

