

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 June 6, 2023

Attendance:

Commissioner Marc Nickerson, Commissioner Scott Pim
W&S Administrator Dennis Koch

1. Call to Order:

Commissioner Nickerson 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 Pim to approve the minutes of May 9 & 24, 2023 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 2-0

3. Appointments: Julio Fuentes, Epping Car Wash came in to discuss recent sewer rate increase. A discussion occurred with an explanation of our current troubles at the WWTF and our loss of septage revenue. No abatement was given for high bill.

Dave Mercier of Underwood Engineers gave an update:

- WWTF Phase II Short-Term Improvements Membrane Replacement
 - CAP Update
 - Plant is treating all influent flow and bypass is off
 - Town is ahead of schedule with CAP items
 - 1st new Zenon train scheduled to arrive mid-August; 2nd new Zenon train scheduled to be delivered mid-October
 - Bids opened for membrane enclosure at 2 PM on 6/1 at WWTF
 - Low bid was \$1.23M
 - UE recommends we negotiate with low bidder and re-engineer the enclosure envelope using more economical materials
 - RMM is under contract to install heat trace on MLSS recycle line and complete the diamond plating install at the grit chamber
 - RMM is under contract to install the two new Zenon trains and has begun making modifications where possible
 - CAP items to complete by September 30, 2023
 - Add MPE 50 – Chemical due in this week
 - New concrete baffle walls – consensus is to use DIP tanks instead
 - Automated alkalinity feed – UE to create RFP for this work
 - MLSS recycle line insulation - UE to create RFP for this work
 - EPFSS – consensus is to utilize WAS storage tank instead of frac tanks; UE to create RFP for this work

- Membrane permanent enclosure – This date will not be met but best efforts are being made
- New AO Update
 - Town has met May 31, 2023 dates for 2 of 4 items
 - Bypass public notice procedure drafted for BOC approval
 - Town is trying to hire Grade 3 operator with no applicants to date
 - Is fully executed document available?
- WWTF Lagoon 1 and 2 Sludge Removal
 - Synagro plans to remobilize soon; date not yet provided
 - EW&SC have agreed in concept to cost increases due to revised sludge disposal location; Synagro to submit backup documentation for change order
 - As of last week, Synagro says they believe they have found an outlet that will take 4 trucks per day allowing them to finish sludge removal from both lagoons this year
- MtBE Watermain Extension
 - MtBE project is going full tilt with Granese running 3 crews at once
 - UE/Granese/Town meeting every Friday to discuss next week's work areas and how to handle traffic, etc.
 - Mainline pipe installation is well ahead of schedule and expected to be complete mid Summer 2023
- Other
 - Henniker is interested in purchasing used 2mm screen

4. Administrator's Report: Dennis Koch presented a PO for Granese to install 405' of water line on St. Laurent Street for \$51,410.00

Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to approve the Granese PO, seconded by Commissioner Pim. Motion carried 2-0.

DK discussed the potential re-development of 250 Calef Highway. This would be expanding water and sewer services, which we can't really do right now.

Abatement request for 40 Pleasant St. for \$293.01. Board said let's hold off and see what the second quarter reading says.

Abatement request for 26 Mulberry Lane for \$56.51 due to error in account set-up.

Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to approve abatement for 26 Mulberry Lane for \$56. Seconded by Commissioner Pim. Motion carried 2-0.

DK presented prices to purchase to storage trail currently being rented at the WWTF. Board says we will continue to rent for now.

5. Operator's Report: Bypass was shut down on 5/29/23. We are treating everything coming into the plant at this time.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Nickerson: None.

Commissioner Pim: None.

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Nickerson.
Seconded by Commissioner Pim. Motion carried 2 – 0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

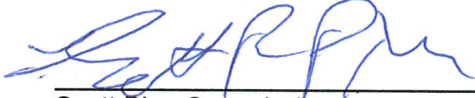
Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator

Minutes approved:



Marc Nickerson, Commissioner



Scott Pim, Commissioner