

# 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 April 4, 2023

### **Attendance:**

Chairman Tom Dwyer, Commissioner Marc Nickerson, Commissioner Scott Pim  
BOS Rep. Tom Gauthier, W&S Administrator Dennis Koch

### **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 Chairman Dwyer to seal the non-public minutes of 4/4/23. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to approve the minutes of March 7, 2023 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Pim. Motion carried 3-0.**

**3. Appointments: Mike Reardon, 89 Elm Street** came in to discuss sediment in his service line which got into all the fixtures of his house. He has submitted an invoice, but it includes work related to broken pipes and leaks. W&SC asked him to separate the invoice and provide receipts if he wants to make a claim.

**4. Administrator's Report:** Dennis Koch reports that the owners of 29 Elm Street are seeking permission to live in a camper temporarily while they construct a house, would like to connect it to water and sewer. W&SC want to see a freeze proof pit for the meter, and let us know if you leave for the winter.

Jersey Mikes is moving to Epping and wants permission to install an in-floor grease trap that will be pumped quarterly. OK, but you must provide the receipts to us.

**5. Operator's Update:** Staff at the WWTP are currently pulling membranes and cleaning. The plant is doing around 56K GPD. The lagoons are almost empty and we may need to pause. The new screen is working well. Synagro may resume operations May first. New Zenon membranes should be here around August first.

We have a proposal from the Lawson Group to conduct air quality monitoring when the crew begins chemical cleaning.

**Motion by Chairman Dwyer to hire the Lawson Group to conduct air quality monitoring for \$5,200. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 3-0.**

## 6. Commissioner's Reports:

**Chairman Dwyer:** Looking at alternatives to by-passing, TD requested Dave Mercier look into alternatives like mobile treatment units and hauling off-site.

### Re-organization of the Board:

**MN motion to nominate Tom Dwyer as Chairman. Seconded by SP.  
Motion carried 3-0.**

**TD motion to nominate Marc Nickerson as Vice Chairman. Seconded by SP.  
Motion carried 3-0.**

**Commissioner Nickerson:** Discussed hiring Eastern Pipe Service to camera the sewer line from Main Street to the Mill Street pump station. ½ day price is \$1,250.00.

**Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to hire EPS for \$1,250.00. Seconded by Commissioner Pim. Motion carried 3-0.**

Let's talk to Granese about connecting the water line on St. Laurent St. to Railroad Ave.

Sewer rates must increase substantially beginning in the first quarter of 2023.

**Commissioner Pim:** Missed the meeting with Woodard & Curran, TD provided an update. If cleaning membranes is a routine operation, we may want to hire a contractor to do cleanings.


**Motion to adjourn made by Chairman Dwyer Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson.  
Motion carried 3 – 0.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

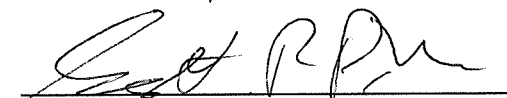
Respectfully Submitted

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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Scott Pim, Commissioner