

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 September 13, 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 7:00 PM in the Epping Town Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

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

3. Appointments: Dave Mercier of Underwood Engineers gave an update on the MtBE water line project. Project is out to bid and will be opened on 10/4/22.

UEI is finishing a draft technical memorandum for the Hoar Pond evaluation. W&SC must decide the path forward.

Wastewater: Phase 2 work is complete except for warranty issues with the membrane modules, plant water intake extension and hydraulic testing.

Phase 3 work with \$500K ARPA grant is underway.

Proposal for modification of the crane rail system is \$98,457.00

Proposal for purchase of diamond plating is \$26,376.00

Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to approve both proposals. Seconded by Chairman Dwyer. Motion carried 2-0.

Proposed amendment #2 for phase 3 is \$39,750

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to approve UE amendment #2. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 2-0.

Lagoon #2 is behind schedule.

Lagoon #1 bid opening is 9/16/22.

UEI will draft the quarterly report to the EPA.

Total Nitrogen study \$100K ARPA grant to be signed. We will hold off for now, talking to Mott McDonald.

4. Administrator's Report: Dennis Koch has received a moratorium letter from NHDES regarding new sewer connections and septage receiving,

W&SC needs to vote to reimburse the BOS \$150K is the ARPA funds can't be used for installing the new Claro screen.

Motion by Commissioner Dwyer to reimburse the BOS \$150K is the ARPA funds can't be used for installing the new Claro screen. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 2-0.

Abatement request for Mike Goss of 8,000 gallons.

Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to about the amount of 8,000 gallons of water and sewer. Seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. Motion carried 2-0.

2023 budget increase for COLA will be 4%, W&S will match what ever the BOS do for the other Town employees.

W&S will add a 5th man for the last 9 months of 2023.

John Grammas' application for 1,500 GPD of water only will allow a septic design to move forward on his parcel on Main St.

Motion by Chairman Dwyer to approve 1,500 GPD of water only for JG (lot to the right of Walgreen's). Work must begin within three years or approval expires. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried 2-0.

WA for salt reduction in aquifer protection zone? Date for WAs?

5. Operator's Report: Mark Votto reports he is operating with 10 out of 18 membrane modules.

Frequency of backwashing has increased.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Chairman Dwyer:

Commissioner Nickerson:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.


Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator

Minutes approved:



Tom Dwyer, Chairman



Marc Nickerson, Commissioner

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