

WATER & SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

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August 8, 2012

1. Call to order

Chairman Bob Kelly called the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee to order at 6:30 pm in the Nowak Room of the Town Offices. Members of the Committee present were Selectman Representative Frank Ferraro, Eugene Lambert, Boyd Allen and Paul Scafidi. Jim Tanis was absent.

2. Review and Approve Draft Minutes of June 13 and July 11, 2012 meetings

The minutes of the June 13, 2012 meeting were not available to the committee. The minutes of the July 11, 2012 meeting were reviewed by the committee. Mr. Robert Eastman appeared before the committee with an issue that he felt the town manager had misrepresented the committee at an earlier meeting at 277 Water Street. The committee then approved the minutes as written.

3. Water/Sewer Bill Abatement requests and/or discussions with customers

Mr. Andrew J. Stollar submitted a written request to the committee to consider the issue that he is getting billed for water from his well that is not entering the town sewer system. The specific water use is to top off a leaky above-ground pool. Mr. Stoller indicates that he will be charged, by summer's end, approximately an additional \$60.00-\$80.00.

After Mr. Stollar left the meeting, Mike Jeffers, Water/Sewer Engineer, said a tech will go to Mr. Stollar's residence to see exactly how he is currently being metered. Mr. Ferraro suggested that a meter be on the sewer side only. Another option, though rarely used, is to install a special deduct meter.

4. Regular Business

a. Discuss EPA Administrative Order responses

Mr. Jeffers provided the committee with copies of the EPA letter received July 24 and maps indicating documented SSO sites. The terms of the letter were discussed: by the end of this year, all sewer issues must be identified, a plan must then be submitted noting those issues with proposed repairs and/or solutions. This work will be done in conjunction with Underwood Engineering. Another EPA stipulation is a 5-year cycle of completely cleaning and inspecting all sewer lines.

The EPA also indicates that the Town is accountable for private sewerage that overflows in town sewerage. Since it may be difficult to determine the Town's liability in that situation, Mr. Kelly suggested changing the ordinance. Mr. Dean said some ordinances are currently under review and that the sewer ordinance may require a re-write due to the EPA order.

Mr. Jeffers said inspections of pump stations at various mobile home parks are already in process in connection with possible overflows into town sewerage.

Mr. Kelly noted that restaurants and other businesses could be contacted to work with Town on preventing such overflows. He and Mr. Jeffers will meet to discuss strategies and review possible additional staff needed to accomplish this contact with businesses.

Mr. Ferraro suggested the possibility of a surcharge to the businesses, rather than an across the board increase, to help pay for any additional staff needed.

b. Discuss preliminary CIP items and issues

Mr. Jeffers said that a new vac-jet truck will be needed soon as the present truck is eight years old and needs to be replaced.

The Fuller Lane/Hampton Road water tank is corroding. The tank will soon be pumped empty and then a contractor will inspect it. The cost of this project is \$3,400.00. The inspection is scheduled for August 15 and all inspection recommendations will be presented at the next committee meeting.

Mr. Dean noted that, in addition to the vac truck, the Portsmouth Ave. and Lincoln Street water and sewer lines are a priority. Paul Vlasich, Town Engineer, is the head of these projects. Mr. Vlasich will be invited to the committee meeting on September 12, 2012.

Mr. Dean also noted that the cost of the implementation of the EPA waste water facility is \$375,000.00. The 106-page draft report on the Exeter-Stratham water and wastewater study is now available and all committee members should read it and offer feedback. Public feedback will occur at a meeting on August 21, 2012 in Stratham.

c. Projects update

Mr. Jeffers also provided written updates on the following projects: Surface Water Treatment, Waste Water Treatment Plant and SRF Funded Projects and RFQ Status.

5. Old Business

Mr. Ferraro inquired about the aging accounts noted in the July 11, 2012 meeting minutes. Sending letters under the 60-day plan is still in discussion.

6. Other business to be brought before the Committee

None

7. Committee Calendar

Mr. Kelly confirmed the next meeting will be Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 6:30 pm.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Kelly moved to adjourn, Mr. Lambert seconded.

The Committee Chairman adjourned the meeting.