

Meeting Notes

Water/Sewer Workgroup – Financial Group

April 22, 2013

Present: Dan Chartrand, Paul Scafidi, Bob Kelly, Russ Dean

The group met at 4:00 p.m. in the Wheelwright Room of the Town Offices. There was a general discussion of issues pertaining to the Exeter-Stratham water/sewer efforts.

The group reviewed a series of handouts including the water/sewer agreement with Stratham from 1985 regarding Stoneybrook Lane. In addition, the Kleinfelder report was discussed. Mr. Kelly indicated two issues he found were Stratham's approximation of the cost of a new wastewater system, and whether they could construct one. He also indicated what hidden costs might be in the mix for Exeter. Mr. Chartrand alluded to the point that we are building a new plant, so capacity issues would need to be folded into that and not so much looking at our current plant. Also Stratham's non point source issue could potentially be vastly improved by treating it as point source with a new WWTF.

The Town Manager handed out the review of Stratham's work on valuation build out from October, 2010. He also handed out a document pulled together by the Exeter Town Planner showing 198 acres give or take on Epping Road in the commercial zone and not yet developed where water/sewer is not available today. In addition to this there are approximately 89 acres or so on Holland Way. She estimates 30-40% of this land is developable given current topography and other constraints in those areas and that might be generous.

Bob described a report he sent to Paul Scafidi regarding measuring the asset value of a system that he obtained from UNH, he will pass along to the group to share.

The issues of capacity, buy in fee, sharing of capital costs were discussed along with a proposed timeline to begin meetings with the Stratham group. Russ indicated he had been contacted by Paul Deschaines interested in getting started. After some discussion, the group decided they would meet again on May 6th at 4:00 p.m. to further prepare for the first meeting with the Stratham group.

Russell Dean
Town Manager