

Meeting Notes

Water/Sewer Workgroup – Financial Group
June 10, 2013

Present: Dan Chartrand, Paul Scafidi, Bob Kelly, Russ Dean
Guests: Dr. Neil Niman, UNH, Tom VanDalsum, UNH student

The group met at 5:00 p.m. in the Nowak Room of the Town Offices. There was a general discussion of issues pertaining to the Exeter-Stratham water/sewer efforts.

Items discussed included:

- Rescheduling of next meeting with Stratham to June 19th at 3:00 p.m.. This will be suggested to Paul Deschaines who has a conflict.
- Questions regarding Stratham's assumptions of water/sewer costs including facility and tank on water side, and facility on the sewer side.
- General discussion of buy in fee concepts and reaction to the 17% proposal on capital costs for sewer – Stratham has to update its proposed sewer agreement with Exeter to reflect the 17% they mentioned.
- Various discussion on the format of Stratham's proposal and rate structure, and provisions of the agreement seemingly avoiding any liability for future government mandates.

The group then met with Professor Neil Niman PhD from UNH who is a Professor of Economics. Dr. Niman and his intern, Tom VanDalsum, will be assisting on the economic piece of the project. After some discussion a framework was set up for 20 hours per week for Tom, working in Exeter, reporting back to Dr. Niman. Dr. Niman will meet with the group or members as needed in Durham at no cost, but there would be a cost should he have to come to Exeter. Dr. Niman is offering a deeply discounted rate working 2 hours per week on the project.

The group discussed a timeline for Stratham to prove out their plans to their voters and the best mechanisms for an agreement.

Town Manager broke the buy-in fee concepts into four pieces: buy-in fee, capacity fee, future capital cost investment by Stratham, and risk aversion fee, if Exeter takes 100% of the risk.

Next meeting will be June 24th at 5:00 p.m. in the Nowak Room as Exeter only meeting. Next meeting with Stratham is June 19th at 3:00 p.m.. in Exeter.

Russell Dean
Town Manager