



**TOWN OF SUNAPEE
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION**
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**Board of Commissioners Meeting
February 29, 2024
Sunapee Town Office Meeting Room**

PRESENT: Theodore Gallup – Chairman, Jimmy Williams, Richard Curtis, Wayne Stoddard, Jeffrey Reed, Douglas Gamsby.

Also present: Holly Leonard and David Bailey.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

1. Forms for Approval:

January 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Jimmy W. made a motion to accept the minutes for the January 25, 2024 meeting, seconded by Douglas G. voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

January Sewer Purchase Journal: Jimmy W. made a motion to accept the sewer department purchase journal for January 2024, seconded by Douglas G., after some discussion regarding Eversource bills, voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

January Water Purchase Journal: Douglas G. made a motion to accept the water purchase journal for January 2024, seconded by Jimmy W., after some discussion regarding Martin Truck Bodies, voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.

January 2024 Income Statements for Water & Sewer: Douglas G. made a motion to accept the Sunapee Sewer Department and Water Department Income Statements for January, seconded by Jimmy W., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

- 2. Wastewater Treatment Highlights:** Dave B. reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been running very nicely. He stated that Brian D. does a good job running the plant and that things there are running very well. He Stated that although the centrifuge is running well the sludge has been heavier than normal. Dave B. reported that all of the pump stations had experienced power outages last night and that all of the generators had been running with the exception of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- 3. Water Treatment Highlights:** There was some discussion regarding the issues on Winn Hill and the fact that the gate valve at the end of the road near Route 11 is leaking. Dave B. stated that Tuesday night there had been a water main break on Winn Hill, he explained that the main was fixed and that they had found a service line attachment that had problems after the repair and today that line had to be replaced. There was some discussion regarding the water pressure on Winn Hill. Dave B. reported that there had also been a leak on a service on Jobs Creek Road that a contractor had been fixing and during the repair the sewer line had been damaged causing much work for the department and the contractor. He stated that there had been many issues at this property in the past and that a letter had been sent to the property owner stating that they need to replace the entire line and if there is any more leaks the water to all 6 homes on the property would be shut off until replacement is completed. Dave B. stated that there had been a leak on Alpine Court that had been fixed last week. He reported that the power consumption had not been impacted greatly by the fire in Georges Mills and that he and Theodore G. had a sit down discussion with the Fire Wards and Fire Chief about the excess use of the water system during that event. Dave B. feels that they have a much better idea now of both Sunapee and Georges Mills water system capacities after this meeting. There was much discussion regarding the fire and hydrants.

Dave B. stated that he and Aaron C. had been discussing the second well in Georges Mills and replacing the piping and pump there. Holly L. reported that the 1st pump and piping had cost approximately \$28,000, Dave B. will get a quote from Barrie Miller for the Commission to entertain. He reported that the crew has been doing some work on the building at River Road and that the generator at Harbor Hill might need a new starter as it did not start last night when the power went off. Theodore G. noted that a filter was being cleaned at Harbor Hill, Dave B. replied that the #2 filter is partially cleaned.

4. Old & New Business:

Dave B. reported that the computers have had issues at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and that A/D Instruments had quoted \$15,800 to replace them. Douglas G. made a motion to purchase the two new computers for the sewer plant for \$15,800 from the replacement fund, seconded by Jimmy W., after some discussion, voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

Fuss & O'Neill Invoices: Holly L. pointed out that there had been an invoice missed from November that needed approval for payment as well as the newer one from February.

Wayne S. made a motion to approve payment of the two amounts to Fuss & O'Neill, seconded by Douglas G., voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.

Auditor Questionnaire: Holly read the questions and recorded the Commissioner's answers. Douglas G. made a motion to have Ted sign the audit questionnaire on behalf of the Commission, seconded by Jimmy W., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

Solar: Dave B. reported that there had been a meeting about the solar array issue and that they are looking to get another quote for the Norwich Solar guy. Dave B. mentioned that he maybe should have tried to get trees cut in that area while other Town parcels were having clearing done. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of a solar array.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2024.

6:26 p.m. Douglas G. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeffrey R., voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.