



**TOWN OF SUNAPEE
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION**
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**Board of Commissioners Meeting
July 27, 2023
Sunapee Town Office Meeting Room**

PRESENT: Theodore Gallup – Chairman, Jimmy Williams, Richard Curtis, Douglas Gamsby, Charles Hirshberg.

Also present: Holly Leonard and David Bailey.

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

1. New London/Sunapee Joint Quarterly Meeting: The Joint Quarterly meeting was tabled until September.
2. Forms for Approval:
 - June 29, 2023 Meeting Minutes: Douglas G. made a motion to accept the June 29th 2023 minutes, seconded by Jimmy W. voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.
 - June Sewer Purchase Journal: Douglas G. made a motion to accept the June sewer purchase journal, seconded by Jimmy W., after some discussion regarding replacement fund deposits and Hillsboro Ford, unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.
 - June Water Purchase Journal: Jimmy W. made a motion to accept the Sunapee water journal for June, seconded by Douglas G. after some discussion regarding Harcros and the deposit of funds into the Capital Improvement Capital Reserve, voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.
 - June 2023 Income Statements for Water & Sewer: Douglas G. made a motion to accept the June Income Statements for water and sewer, seconded by Jimmy W., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.
3. Water Treatment Highlights: Dave B. reported that the White Shutters leak has been repaired and that United had completed that. He stated that the turbine has been running for most of the month and that there had been a pipe that blew apart there when it was turned on that has since been repaired. There was some discussion regarding the incident and what had occurred. Dave B. reported that Aaron C. has completed a survey in hopes of getting a leak detection grant going through Granite State Rural Water. He stated that the water flows have slowed down quite a bit from last year. There was some discussion regarding what would happen for the leak survey. Dave B. stated that he dug five test pits today for the Route 11 crossings and that it had gone well. He stated that the only issue found had been at Main Street in Georges Mills and that at seven feet there he had encountered probable ledge. He stated that he had mistakenly gotten into a culvert when digging at the end of Lower Winn Hill and that the department would have to repair that.
Dave B. reported that the department had purchased a flow meter for Georges Mills wells from A/D Instruments to be able to track how much water is coming from each well. He stated that it had cost \$6,908.32 and requested permission from the Commission for the purchase. Charles H. made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$6,908.32 for the wall mounted meter/converter for Georges Mills Water Pump Station, seconded by Jimmy W., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

4. Wastewater Treatment Highlights:

Dave B. stated that there had been some problems at the Wastewater Plant this month due to the torrential rain storms creating excessively high flows. He stated that some of the BOD tests had not come out and that he is not sure if this will result in violations or not but will see when he starts filling out the monthly report. There was some discussion regarding the amount of water that was going through the treatment plant and why the test results did not come out. Dave B. reported that there had been a manhole overflow on Lower Main Street that had resulted in calls being made for the violation to EPA, DES and Claremont Water. He stated that Aaron C. had called Stearns Septic to jet out an area that was suspected of having a blockage near a manhole close to the Treatment Plant. They found that this manhole seemed to be where the flows were not totally filling the line when checking manholes to see where the issue might have originated. He showed a picture of a large root ball that had come out of that area with the jetting and reported that they had at one time found a similar root quite a few years ago at the headworks that possibly originated from the same area where there is a large pine stump. He stated that New London had also had a manhole overflowing at the same time in the parking lot of the old Abbott Library where their force main ends.

Dave B. reported that a level transmitter at Pump Station 1 on Cooper Street had blown apart and that Aaron C. was able to take one from old parts to fix it and that he had purchased another one to have in case it is needed. He stated that manholes had been readied for paving.

5. Old & New Business:

Dave B. stated that there had been talk in the past about constructing a garage at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to house the vactor and Freightliner. He reported that Aaron C. had been speaking with someone from LaValley about the possibility of designing a 40 x 50 garage. There was some discussion regarding a possible warrant article for this, how to go about getting ready for this project and where said garage might be located.

Holly L. presented that a request for abatement had been received from the owners of 10 Burkehaven Terrace in the amount of \$640. She stated that there had been no water use at the property for many years and that this is a yearly occurrence. There was some discussion regarding the turning on and off of the summer water line there and if it was only for this property. Douglas G. made a motion to approve the abatement for 10 Burkehaven Terrace, seconded by Jimmy W. voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.

Richard C. questioned if there had been any more news about the possible Beech Street development. Dave B. stated that he has not heard anything more about it recently. There was some discussion regarding the proposed project.

The next monthly meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 24, 2023, if the meeting room is available.

6:19 p.m. Douglas G. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jimmy W., voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.