



TOWN OF SUNAPEE
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
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Board of Commissioners Meeting
December 19, 2019
Sunapee Town Office Meeting Room

PRESENT: Theodore Gallup-Chairman, Jimmy Williams, Richard Curtis, Anthony Bergeron, Douglas Gamsby, Charles Hirshberg.

Also present: Holly Leonard, Aaron Cartier.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Forms for Signing:

November 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Anthony B. made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 21st meeting, seconded by Jimmy W., after some discussion regarding what pay grade the Light Equipment/Waster Sewer Operator position was in, voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

November Sewer Purchase Journal: Douglas G. made a motion to accept the Sewer Purchase Journal for November 1st through November 30th, seconded by Anthony B., after some discussion regarding Sulloway & Hollis as well how many Perkins Pond residents still need to connect to the sewer, voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

November Water Purchase Journal: Jimmy W. made a motion to accept the Sunapee Water Department Journal as written, seconded by Anthony B., after some discussion regarding loan payments, Noel Eastman and Osborn Marine, voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.

ORR 78 Abatement Request: There was some discussion regarding the property and the non-usage. Anthony B. made a motion to accept the abatement, seconded by Jimmy W., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

2. Water Treatment Highlights: Aaron C. reported that the PFOA results had come back as none detected in both water systems. He stated that the concrete tank is being filled to avoid possible heaving and cracking of the tank due to its being empty, he explained the difficulties of doing this. There was some discussion regarding the filling of the concrete tank. Aaron C. stated that the blow-offs are on and that the one in Stocker's field had to be defrosted as the line was frozen and that the line had been extended some to lessen the wet spot it had created and in hopes of avoiding the water flowing into the road. There was some discussion regarding PFOA's and the lawsuit that had resulted in DES issuing a notice that they did not need to be tested for currently.

3. Wastewater Treatment Highlights:

Aaron C. stated that the centrifuge has been having big problems and there was some discussion regarding the new gearbox for it and the cost for parts and estimate for labor for the repairs. Aaron C. stated that there were other items taken care of during the rebuilding of the unit and that some seals bearings and other items that had come with the machine had been used and he thinks that those should be replaced to have on hand. He reported that the service technician had mentioned perhaps entering into a service

contract and that he thinks that this would be a prudent thing to do. Theodore G. stated that it had been found that a couple of set screws had most likely come out and caused the problem with the lubrication reaching where it needed to that had caused the failure of the gearbox and that the new gearbox did not have these same set screws so that perhaps it had been found to be a design issue with the original one. Aaron C. stated that tomorrow a process person from GEA will be calling in to ensure that the machine is up and running properly.

Anthony B. made a motion to allow the department to spend up to \$50,000 to repair the centrifuge, seconded by Jimmy W., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman. There was some discussion regarding how much sludge would be able to be sent to Merrimack and how much is built up in the storage tank.

Aaron C. reported that the pump station upgrades are done on Lake Avenue and Birch Point, he stated that clean up and painting remain to be done, and some of the generator work at Pump Station #11 needs to be completed, he also reported that there had been an issue with propane icing up and Pump Station #13 and that that was being taken care of.

4. Old & New Business: Wendell Marsh/Sunapee Springs Wells:

Douglas G. presented that he felt that it is becoming clear that there should be investigation into the development of a groundwater supply for the Sunapee system as the surface water is becoming increasingly hard to treat. He had spoken with Van Webb about the wells in Wendell Marsh area and that he had looked into the 1995 study done for Sunapee of possible groundwater supplies. He presented the different areas that were found to be promising from that study and reported that according to the preliminary studies of the wells installed by Sunapee Springs had shown that they were capable of producing about 55 gallons per minute. Douglas G. presented that he had not had sufficient time to investigate any further and that he did not know if a tank could be constructed near Ryder Corner Road or if something could be done to feed the well water to the tanks on Burkehaven Hill. There was some discussion regarding where to go from here with this investigation, the possibility of setting aside funds for this potential project and if there may be any grants available for such a project. There was some discussion regarding getting the Sunapee Springs book copied for the Commission to have. Douglas G. will look into getting this done.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2020.

6:03 p.m. Anthony B. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charles H., voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.

Submitted by Holly Leonard.

Approved by the Water & Sewer Commission this _____ day of _____, **2019.**

Theodore Gallup-Chairman

Charles Hirshberg

Richard Curtis

Jeffrey Reed

Anthony Bergeron

Jimmy Williams

Douglas Gamsby