



TOWN OF SUNAPEE
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
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**Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 30, 2020
Sunapee Town Office Meeting Room**

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

Also present: Holly Leonard, David Bailey, New London Selectmen-Janet Kidder, Nancy Rollins and John Cannon.

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

1. New London Sunapee Joint Meeting: See Joint Meeting Minutes.

2. Forms for Signing:

December 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Douglas G. made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 19th, seconded by Anthony B., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

December 2019 Sewer Purchase Journal: Douglas G. made a motion to accept the sewer purchase journal, seconded by Jimmy W., after some discussion regarding Clean Waters and the polymer that is purchased from them, the centrifuge repair costs, different types of chemical feed pumps for the polymer, Daniels Construction and the pump station upgrades as well as the attachment fee refund for Leena Mark, voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.

December 2019 Water Purchase Journal: Douglas G. made a motion to accept the Sunapee Water Purchase journal for December, seconded by Jimmy W., after some discussion regarding the December electric bill, voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

2020 Lien Warrant for 2019 Uncollected Rents: Holly L. presented that the lien warrant for this year is the lowest amount she has seen yet go to the Tax Collector for collection. Charles H. made a motion to accept the lien warrant in the amount of \$53,693.59 as proposed, seconded by Anthony B., voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the chairman.

3. Water Treatment Highlights:

Dave B. reported that there had been a water main break last week on Central Street and that the department has had problems in that area before. He stated that the owner of Harbor Light Realty had called in with water running into the building. This leak, he reported, was not as bad as a previous one that had happened in the same area and that this leak could be the explanation for some of the dirty water complaints on Central Street and perhaps on High Street as well. He stated that the pipe was sitting directly on ledge and that it had a large boulder on top of it, and that the pipe there is an original cast iron main that looked to be in pretty good shape. Dave B. stated that Disinfection By-product testing will be done next week and that he will start running water at the Safety Services building starting on Monday. He reported that Michael Metcalf had been in a skiing accident and that this is slowing progress down a bit on the Ultra Violet

progression. Dave B. stated that one filter has just been emptied and that he was hoping to change a valve there in preparation for the UV system installation prior to filling it again. He stated that he would like to have automated valves installed there and that he is just not sure if he should be putting in 8" or 4" valves, he is thinking that the 4" would be cheaper and that the piping will be reduced to 4" for the UV lights.

Dave B. reported that PFOA sampling was originally due this quarter but that the State is not requiring it to be done until something is settled with the lawsuits brought on by it. Dave B. is leaning toward doing the sampling although it is not required just to ensure that Sunapee's water continues to be free from PFOA's.

4. Old & New Business: Douglas G. reported that he did get in touch with GZA about the wells in Wendell Marsh area and that he plans on meeting with him sometime in the next month with hopes of inviting him to the next Commission Meeting for some background on the wells that are there. There was some discussion regarding the property and the possibility of utilizing those wells in the future and how this could be accomplished. Jeffrey R. questioned the history of the wells and why they were drilled, Dave B. replied that the previous owner of the property had planned on doing a spring water bottling company in that location.

Douglas G. questioned next week's deliberative session and if any of the Commission planned on attending and speaking on the warrant articles. There was some discussion regarding deliberative session and the highway garage potential tie into the water and sewer systems.

Pump Station #7 New Pump Purchase: Dave B. stated that Pump Station #7 is the first one on Garnet Street as you are leaving the Harbor Area and that the department is close to being ready for the electric change over and that last fall one new pump had been put in there and that now he would like to install the second one and would like approval to purchase it for \$7,837.00 plus shipping. Douglas G. made a motion to approve the purchase of a new pump for Pump Station #7 as proposed, seconded by Anthony B., voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.

Energy Committee Invitation: There was some discussion regarding the invite to attend a meeting of the Energy Committee. Jeffrey R. volunteered to attend one and stated that he is available for a March meeting, Dave B. stated that he would also be willing to attend and Jimmy W. also volunteered. It was decided to let the Energy Committee know that they would be attending the March 3rd meeting if that would work.

Perkins Pond Legal Proceedings: After review of an e-mail from Commission Counsel regarding Ms. Stilphen wishing to have an extension of time to connect to the Perkins Pond Sewer System until May 31, 2020. Anthony B. made a motion to allow for Ms. Stilphen to have until the 31st of May to connect, seconded by Jeffrey R., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

2020 Rates: After review of the 2020 proposed budgets, the estimated income from user fees and the proposed increase in hydrant fees. Douglas G. made a motion to increase the hydrant fee to \$220 per year from \$200, increase the water user flat fee to \$135 per unit per six month period from \$125 and to leave the water bond fee and sewer rates the same as in 2019, seconded by Jeffrey R., voted unanimously, so declared by the Chairman.

Proposal to deposit funds into the Water Department Capital Improvement Reserve Fund: Holly L. presented how the bank balances had ended up at 2019 year end and stated that it appears that there is enough surplus in the Water General Fund to deposit another \$50,000 to the new Capital Reserve Fund established in 2019. Douglas G. made a motion to deposit \$50,000 into the Water Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with RSA 38:29

III, and authorizing the withdrawal for that purpose, of \$50,000 from surplus water rental funds being held in the water department general fund checking account, seconded by Anthony B., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

7:01 p.m. Douglas G. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jimmy W., voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.

Submitted by Holly Leonard.

Approved by the Water & Sewer Commission this _____ day of _____, **2020.**

Theodore Gallup-Chairman

Richard Curtis

Jeffrey Reed

Douglas Gamsby

Anthony Bergeron

Jimmy Williams

Charles Hirshberg