



**TOWN OF SUNAPEE
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION**
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**Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 5, 2023
Sunapee Town Office Meeting Room**

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

Also present: Holly Leonard, David Bailey and Keith Chrisman via Zoom.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Removal from Town Forest : Theodore G. read the proposed article that Shannon M. had sent to legal and had received back from them. He stated that he does not think that the article as drafted would allow the Water & Sewer Commission to have any input as to what portion of the lot is going to be taken out of Town Forest, he would propose adding Archer to the name of Barrett as those lots had been combined to create the 41 acre lot formerly Map 5, Lot 22. Theodore G. stated that he would suggest the warrant article read “Are you in favor of removing the Wastewater Treatment Plant Property (Barrett-Archers Property, Map 5, Lot 22, approximately 41 Acres) from the Town Forest Designation. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Property at 50 Treatment Plant Road was incorrectly included in the list of properties designated as Sunapee Town Forest by Town vote in March of 2002. The current use of this property does not fall under those uses associated with Town Forest Lands and therefore approval of this article is needed before any process improvements or expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant can be implemented in the future. Approval of this article is merely to correct an oversight and allow the Wastewater Treatment Plant to continue to provide adequate, safe, efficient treatment and meet the needs of our growing community. And note that there is no cost to taxpayers or Town water and sewer users associated with the approval of this article.” Charles H. and Douglas G. stated that they feel it is important to explain what had happened in error and the Commission decided that the 14 acre designation should not be put into the article as that was not what had been discussed at the January 4th Conservation Committee meeting as proposed wording. There was some discussion regarding how the article should be worded and that at a future point the lot can be split and the portion agreed to not be needed for future Wastewater Treatment be put into Town Forest at that point.

Jeffrey R. made a motion to request that the Selectboard restate the article wording as follows: “Are you in favor of removing the Wastewater Treatment Plant Property (Barrett-Archers Lot previously known as Map 5, Lot 22 which is approximately 41 acres) from the Town Forest Designation. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Property at 50 Treatment Plant Road was incorrectly included in the list of properties designated as Sunapee Town Forest by Town vote in March of 2002. The current use of this property does not fall under those uses associated with Town Forest Lands and therefore approval of this article is needed before any process improvements or expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant can be implemented in the future. Approval of this article is merely to correct an oversight and allow the Wastewater Treatment Plant to continue to provide adequate, safe, efficient treatment and meet the needs of our growing community. There is no cost to taxpayers or users associated with the approval of this article.”, seconded by Douglas G., after some discussion regarding the need for the article, voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman. Jimmy W. Douglas G. questioned if the

line was going to be flagged soon or if anything needs to be done quickly. The Commission did not feel that anything had to be done immediately.

2. Water Line Replacement Warrant Article:

Charles H. stated that he wanted to discuss the article for the replacement of water lines. He stated that as the amount necessary to complete all of the roads listed in the article is most likely to come in at quite a bit more than the 2.1 million, perhaps taking out the street names or wording something differently would be prudent. There was some discussion regarding changing the exact wording to say that the maximum amount of the entire project allowed by the 2.1 million would be completed on the proposed areas. Jeffrey R. made a motion to reword the warrant article for the Water Main Replacement Project, seconded by Douglas G., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2023.

5:56 p.m. Charles H. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeffrey R., voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.