



**TOWN OF SUNAPEE
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION**
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**Board of Commissioners Meeting
July 28, 2022
Sunapee Town Office Meeting Room**

PRESENT: Theodore Gallup - Chairman, Wayne Stoddard, Richard Curtis, Charles Hirshberg, Jeffrey Reed, Jimmy Williams.

Also present: Holly Leonard, David Bailey, New London Selectmen-Nancy Rollins, Janet Kidder and William Helm, Kimberly Hallquist-New London Town Administrator, Josh Stevens-President-K.A. Stevens and Carl Ostrom.

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

1. New London Sunapee Joint Meeting: See Joint Meeting Minutes.
2. Abby Brown/Beech Street Project: Dave B. reported that there has been talk about doing borings to attach the proposed new home on Beech Street to water and sewer and that he had spoken with Josh S. about the project. He stated that due to the area it would most likely be difficult to bore that length in that area and that if it was open trenched larger mains could be installed instead of just a single service. Josh S. stated that he felt that trenching might not go well and that he is representing the owner and is looking to see if the Commission may help fund the cost of the larger pipes that could serve more customers in the future and provide the opportunity to install a hydrant. He reported that the cost of excavation would be no different for the larger size pipe but that the cost of the pipe itself would be quite different. He questioned if the Commission had a preference in type of materials used and noted that ductile iron is about 6 months out to procure. There was some discussion regarding what the sewer pipe material would be and if the water pipe could be HDPE instead of the ductile iron. It was decided that Josh S. will come back to the Commission with materials costs to see if they might entertain covering this portion of the project. There was some discussion regarding the budget and if this would need to be figured into next year's budget.
3. Forms for Approval:
June 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Jeffrey R. made a motion to approve the June 30th minutes, seconded by Charles H., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.
June Sewer Purchase Journal: Charles H. made a motion to accept the June Sewer Purchase Journal, seconded by Jeffrey R., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.
June Water Purchase Journal: Charles H. made a motion to accept the June Water Purchase Journal, seconded by Richard C., voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.

2022 Sewer Income Statement through June 2022: Charles H. made a motion to accept the June 2022 Sewer Department Income Statement, seconded by Jeffrey R., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

2022 Water Income Statement through June 2022: Charles H. made a motion to accept the June Water Income Statement, seconded by Jeffrey R., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

4. Wastewater Treatment Highlights Continued: Dave B. stated that there had been a manhole issue out by the yacht club and that it had been a shoddy job of piping inside the manhole that came apart. He stated that Aaron C. is working on getting some proposals to fix the cobbled together insides of the manhole and perhaps even replace the entire assembly.
5. Water Treatment Highlights:

Dave B. reported that the water system is running good and that the well site is running very well and recovering nicely even with all of the dry weather. He stated that the UV system is running and that everything seems to be alright. He reported that Disinfection by-products will be tested next week and he is wondering if it should be done any differently than always or not.

Dave B. reported that A/D Instruments is waiting for the arrival of the new touch screen instrumentation to be received and should be installing that in September when it arrives. There was some discussion regarding the final completion of the UV project and closing out of the loan. Holly L. reported that Tom Page had called her about a week ago and that they had discussed the need to get things wrapped up so that the loan could be closed on and get the payment schedule for it in for next years budget information.
6. Old & New Business:

Dave B. stated that he had been approached by the Fire Department looking to see if they can install another repeater at Harbor Hill. There was some discussion regarding it not being any higher than the one there currently and that as long as planning and zoning are good with it the Commission has no concerns with another one being there.

Fuss & O'Neill Proposals: Holly L. read an e-mail from Dan Monet about what has happened so far on the boring and Lower Main Street design engineering. Holly L. stated that the original proposal for High Street, Central Street and 103B had been a total of \$125,300 and that the total of the two proposals for separating out Central Street from the other two streets totals \$168,500. Theodore G. questioned why there was such a large difference in the proposals, Holly L. responded that Dan M. had put in his e-mail of the proposals that splitting the jobs will be more costly overall due to more mobilizations, plans, crews where combining the jobs would cost less overall. The Commission would like Dan M. to let them know why there is such a large difference in the pricing and will wait until next meeting to make any decisions about it.

Use of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from ARPA for Sunapee's Water Infrastructure projects. Theodore G. questioned if there was going to be any more of the funds available for the water infrastructure improvements or if the Town was going to buy a Fire Boat with them. Holly L. stated that she has read over everything in the Department of Treasury's final rule most recently revised in March and that she does not see anything that would allow the Town to use the funds for Fire Equipment unless there had been lost

revenue due to Covid and if there was up to that amount could be spent on such items. Holly L. stated that the Town of Sunapee did not lose revenue due to the pandemic and that would mean this would not be an allowable use of funds. She reported that of the \$182,525 in Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from ARPA that the Town had received in August \$23,625 remains un-allocated after the \$10,000 that was given to Bay Point for broadband and the two Water Infrastructure Engineering Proposals that have been approved by the Selectmen and that the other \$182,525 should be received by Sunapee sometime next month. The total of these funds remaining would total \$206,150 and the Water Infrastructure Improvements are allowed under the restriction of uses and meets all of the criteria listed by the U.S. Treasury. There was more discussion regarding the extra cost in the engineer's proposal for the two jobs split out and wanting to get Dan M.'s explanation for this. There was some discussion about how long the plans the Engineer draws up would be good for and that the Water Department's debt from Lake Avenue and the 1997 Water Bond would be paid off in 2027 freeing the Commission to borrow to complete these projects.

Sherburn Gym: Dave B. reported that they want to put in a sprinkler system at the gym and he had thought they could tie into the water for that from where the hydrant is in front of the gym but the work they are doing at the gym would be easier to tie into the line at the boundary line next to Bar Harbor Bank but they will need to look out for the cross culvert there. He stated that he might want to have them put in an 8" line to tie into the 6" and that they may be able to find some funding to do this project. There was some discussion regarding the paving going on in the parking lot at the gym and who owns the lot.

Charles H. brought up the meeting on the 3rd of August with the Conservation Commission and the information Holly L. had found in the Town Reports from 1968, 1969 and 1970 should be enough to give to Town Council to confirm with the Secretary of State that the Town can present a warrant article to take the lot out of Town Forest. Jeffrey R. questioned why there is going to be a meeting next week at all and if all the Commissioners need to attend. Holly L. will check with Shannon M. tomorrow to see if Town Council has looked over the information yet or not and report as to who needs to attend Wednesday's night's meeting with Conservation, the Town Manager and the Energy Committee.

The next monthly meeting will be on August 25, 2022.

7:09 p.m. Charles H. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeffrey R., voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.