

TROY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 14, 2022

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PRESENT: Ben Drugg, Bert Lang Adam Hopkins, Tom Lambert, Carl Patten (excused himself at 7:25) and TJ Chasse

ABSENT: Courtney Davis

Meeting called to Order – went into meeting from Public Hearing

GUESTS: Underwood Engineer – See attached sheet presentation documents – We discussed the removal of sludge from all the lagoons. We discussed removing sludge from just some of the lagoon cells. We need to consider changing the chemical application process. We need to consider adding a separate nitrification tank/system. Bringing the third lagoon (the pond) back online and upfitting it with aeration was discussed. We discussed doing all of these efforts now, over time or completing various combinations thereof to save cost while attempting to meet our permit limits in short term. Each approach achieves a different outcome and has significantly different cost. Underwood will submit their final recommendations by the end of the year or just after. The recommendation is going to include pricing for all system upgrades that we can do, and we will have to figure out from there what we are actually going to be able to do. Rhonda will complete the SRF grant/loan application that Horizon helped to qualify us for. This due by 12/31/22 and a warrant article for a bond will need to be considered for the 2023 Town Meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES 10/12/22 & 10/27/22 – Ben made a motion to approve the minutes from 10/12/22 and 10/27/22, Carl, seconded, all in favor 4-0-0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Manholes North Main St** – Tom will reach out to Justin to see where the manhole cover is.
2. **Headwork's Roof** – Waiting for A.L. Johnson to come and seal the roof for the winter, Tom will call them.
3. **GPW Building** – on hold
4. **Treatment Plant Roof** – on hold.
5. **Vacation Time Roll Over (1 week) Policy Change** – Bert made a motion to change the vacation policy to roll over one week, Ben seconded, 3 in favor, 1 abstained.
6. **Mill Street Water Pine** – Mountainshade was in last week and installed the two valves. Ben expressed concern over the project as it appeared less complex than we thought and suggested that Tom find ways in the future to keep projects like this in house when possible. Keeping this in house would have been a minimal burden on staff and save the Department upwards of \$15,000 or more.
7. **Land in Jaffrey** – on hold
8. **Budget Computer Support** – Ben made a motion to change line item 505 on the budget to \$4,668.00, Adam seconded, all in favor.
9. **Sludge Removal/Disposal** – Tom shared that we need to do a sludge test and he thought that he would also talk with Underwood about the sludge.
10. **Mill** – Ben asked what the status was on the 3/4" line that the Developer had requested at a previous meeting. Tom shared that he has not had any further discussion since he sent the letter on the sewer. Discussed the fire suppressant line for Joel Berg, as well as the duplex house that he is putting up. Tom shared that he has spoken with Joel, and Joel is aware that he needs to connect to the water from the street. For the Carriage House fire suppressant line he would need to run a new line.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Town Report** – Tom shared that we need to write a year in review for the Town Report. Tom asked Adam if he would write the Town Report. Adam agreed.
2. **Managers School** – Tom asked the Board if they would write a letter for him as to why he would be a good candidate to attend the Management School put on by NH Water Works Association. Adam will put a letter together for Tom.
3. **Water/Sewer Fees** – Rhonda presented the Board with some impact fees that are used in surrounding towns for their review. Ben would like to have Applications and Impact Fees drawn up and ready for approval at our next meeting 12/22.
4. **Carl Patten Jr. Resignation** – Ben made a motion to accept Carl's resignation effective tonight (12/14/22) and thanked him for his years of service, Adam seconded, all in favor.
5. **Jeff Denis** – Ben shared that he invited Jeff Denis to the meeting and would like to appoint him to Carl's position. Bert shared that he also may have someone who is interested but we can have up to seven (7) members. Ben made a motion to appoint Jeff to the open position, Adam seconded, all in favor.
6. **Bond Payment** – There being no objection from the public on the Bond Payment increase, Ben made a motion to raise the bond from \$9.00 a quarter per unit to \$17.00 a quarter per unit effective 4th quarter 2022. Adam seconded, 2 in favor 1 opposed.

Public Comments – **Kyle Smith** discussed whether our system could handle adding any new duplex's or housing on the system. He just wants to be able to make it easier on us as well as the Planning Board. At this time we would not be able to add a housing development on the system as we are very close to capacity. With upgrades and putting lagoon back online it will not be a problem. We are currently working on this now.

Curtis Hopkins wanted to know if we require property owners to update their service lines, what about the Town updating the Town Lines? At this time the Water Department does not see that happening as they are working on updating the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

7. **Adjournment** – Next meeting Dec 22, 2022 @ 6:00 adjourned 8:26

Respectfully submitted

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