

**Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 26, 2015
Sunapee Town Offices**

PRESENT: Theodore Gallup-Chairman, Peter Hill, Paul Manson, David Cain, Douglas Gamsby, Kurt Markarian, J. Anthony Bergeron.

Also present: Holly Leonard, David Bailey, Van Webb, Neil Cheseldine.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. Conservation: Wendell Marsh South: Van W. approached the table and passed out a proposal for the Wendell Marsh South purchase and for taking some of the wastewater treatment plant land out of town forest. Van W. stated that the Wendell Marsh South project had been approved by the voters and that the Conservation Commission will be closing on the MRT property on June 1st. He stated that they have looked at the treatment plant lot and that the portion on the map outlined in green is the proposed area to be designated as town forest. There was some discussion regarding perhaps moving the western line east by approximately 200 or 300 feet to leave room for the potential solar panel project in the future. There was some discussion regarding the lots to be purchased for conservation and utilizing the same access road for conservation as the Town would use to access the proposed solar panels. Van W. will keep the Commission informed as to what will be presented to voters next March.
2. Election of Officers: Paul M. nominated Theodore Gallup for Chairman, seconded by Kurt M., voted 6 in favor, 1 abstained, passes in the majority, so declared by the Chairman. Paul M. nominated Peter Hill for Vice Chairman, seconded by Kurt M., voted 6 in favor, 1 abstained, passes in the majority, so declared by the Chairman. There was some discussion regarding Theodore G. and Peter H. not being able to attend the next meeting, it was decided that Paul M. will preside over the April meeting in their absence.
3. Forms for Signing:
February 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Anthony B. made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Douglas G., voted 6 in favor, 1 abstained, passes in the majority, so declared by the Chairman.
February Sewer Purchase Journal: Kurt M. made a motion to accept the Sewer Purchase Journal as presented, seconded by Anthony B., voted 6 in favor, 1 abstained, passes in the majority, so declared by the Chairman.
February Perkins Pond Check Register: Douglas M. made a motion to accept the Perkins Pond check register as written, seconded by Peter H., voted 6 in favor, 1 abstained, passes in the majority, so declared by the Chairman.
February Water Purchase Journal: Douglas G. made a motion to accept the Sunapee Water Department Purchase Journal as written, seconded by Kurt M., after some

discussion regarding Gallup and Vellano, voted 6 in favor, 1 abstained, passes in the majority, so declared by the Chairman.

EDR 123 Abatement Request: Paul M. made a motion to accept the abatement request, seconded by Kurt M., after some discussion regarding the meter reading issue and the possible liability of the department replacing meters, voted 6 in favor, 1 abstained, passes in the majority, so declared by the Chairman.

4. Wastewater Treatment Highlights: Dave B. reported that there had been a pH violation last weekend and told the Commission that it had happened due to low flows which in turn caused the magnesium hydroxide to clog in the feed line resulting in the problem. There was some discussion regarding the last few violations, alarms, and different pH buffering chemicals. Dave B. stated that the alarms will function better as the project gets more complete.

Dave B. stated that at the Wastewater Treatment Plant there is a state of the art Fire Alarm system and that it requires an alarm service be chosen to monitor it for the department. Dave B. has spoken with both the Fire and Police Chief and they have told him that the alarm can't just call dispatch that it must go through an alarm service company. Neil C. gave the Commission information on how the alarm systems function. Dave B. stated that he must contract with an alarm company. The Commission would have Dave B. get some more quotes and include all three buildings to discuss at the next meeting.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade: Neil C. presented the monthly budget report for March to the Chairman for signing. Neil C. reported that there had been a meeting with the contractor today and that the contractor had sent a proposed pay requisition last week that he hadn't agreed with as far as payment for punch list items goes. Neil C. stated that they had done a walk through today and that approximately 20 to 30% of the punch list items had been completed but that the issue with the pumps that had flooded counteracted the items that had been completed so there was potentially no payment actually due to the contractor for those completed items.

After much discussion regarding what is going on with the pumps and the warranty period on the project, Paul M. made a motion to accept Penta's proposal to replace the pumps and motors in like kind under the condition that the Town has a 12 month warranty on them from either Penta or the manufacturer from the start up date of the new pumps, seconded by Peter H., voted 6 in favor, 1 abstained, passes in the majority, so declared by the Chairman.

Neil C. would take the pump amount off of the monies retained for punch list items until the new pumps are in place, the Commission agreed that the \$46,000 will be held for the pumps until the new ones are installed. Neil C. presented that the project dragging on has caused the construction engineering to budget to be completely spent and that Wright-Pierce would propose a change order to take more money from the contractor to pay for engineering and this will be part of a change order soon to be seen.

Theodore G. questioned the sloughing of the hillside around the sludge tank. Neil C. explained what had happened and what would require repair work if it happens.

Septage Receiving: Dave B. stated that he thinks he needs to be able to start accepting septage as Perkins Pond is going to be coming on line soon and those people will need their tanks pumped in order to fill them as required with sand. There was some discussion regarding how much to charge for disposal and how this will be tracked and invoiced for. After much discussion regarding how much septage may be coming into the plant and

how billing for this will be performed, the Commission would like to find out how other communities deal with this and how much they charge.

5. Water Treatment Highlights:

Dave B. reported that the meters are being read in the next week and that there is a leak on School Street which has not been located yet as well as a leak in the parking lot of the Georges Mills Post Office that will need addressing. Dave B. reported that there have not been as many issues lately with freezing.

David B did inspect the Sunapee water tanks and found no ice in the concrete tank and some ice in the steel tank but that the steel tank was full.

Dave B. is looking to get in touch with DBU to have them quote boring under route 11 in Georges Mills in front of where the store was.

6. Old & New Business:

Theodore G. presented a letter from Pennichuck presenting that they can run the water systems and that he did not think it needed further investigation but presented to the entire Commission in case the Commission feels they should pursue this more.

Dave B. presented that he is looking to utilize some of the remaining Perkins Pond funding to purchase new pumps and that this requires an engineering study of the existing pump stations. He stated that Underwood Engineers has presented a proposed change order in the amount of \$15,000 to do this extra engineering. The Commission feels that \$15,000 is too much money for performing this task. There was much discussion regarding what is needed at the pump stations and if there will be any more build out in any of those areas.

Dave B. presented that he thinks that the first step in pursuing the solar panels at the Wastewater plant is to hire an engineer to deal with securing funding. There was some discussion regarding this and how to go about it.

Dave B. would like to hire an operator but he does not have a position open in the organizational chart for one.

Anthony B. made a motion to change one of the laborer classifications to an Operator 1, seconded by Kurt M., voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Dave B. will present the proposed change to the Selectmen.

8:20 p.m. Kurt M. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Douglas G., voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.