

New London/Sunapee Water & Sewer Commission Joint Quarterly Meeting
April 30, 2015
Sunapee Town Offices

PRESENT: Paul Manson-Acting Chairman, David Cain, Douglas Gamsby, and Anthony Bergeron.

Also present: Holly Leonard, David Bailey, Kimberly Hallquist-New London Town Administrator, New London Selectmen-Peter Bianchi and Janet Kidder, Sunapee Selectman John Augustine, and Neil Cheseldine of Wright Pierce.

The Acting-Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:53 p.m.

1. January 29, 2015 Joint Meeting Minutes: Were tabled as because New London did not have a quorum of Selectboard members that were present at the January meeting.
2. EPA Request for Information Letter: Janet K. questioned if there were no alarms to alert personnel that there was a problem. Dave B. stated that some of the alarms were disconnected due to the upgrade work being performed at the plant. Neil C. gave some information on where the alarm systems were at in the upgrade process when the incidents occurred. Janet K. questioned if the alarm installer would be at fault for the spills or covered if EPA issues a fine. There was much discussion regarding testing of alarms, how often they are tested, and if there would be a fine coming from EPA. Dave B. stated that much of the issue that resulted in the letter from EPA was that his letters and reports of problems at the plant had been misunderstood due to the way he had written his follow up letters to each incident. Peter B. stated that after spending 8 million to upgrade a plant there should be alarms included that function. Dave B. stated that ultimately he is the responsible person for what goes on at the treatment plant. There was much discussion regarding floats, existing alarms prior to the upgrade and newly installed alarm systems that are part of the SCADA system. Dave B. reported that the draft letter of response had been drawn up with the help of Kenneth Kessler of DES and if anyone sees anything that needs changing to let him know. Dave B. reported that Neil C. had suggested that perhaps the boards want to hire legal counsel to prepare this letter and maybe an engineer to prepare the map necessary for the response. Peter B. thinks that everything possible should be done to insure that the correct response is given. Neil C. stated that he had suggested hiring Dana Bisby of Devine Millimet, formerly of NH DES, to help draft the response letter. There was some discussion about hiring Dana B. and how long it would take for him to issue a recommendation. Anthony B. made a motion to have the Superintendent seek the before mentioned legal counsel who is familiar with wastewater issues with EPA's opinion of the draft letter of response to the EPA, seconded by Peter B., after some discussion regarding the possible extension of time to respond, Sunapee voted in favor of the motion, New London voted in favor of the motion, the motion passes, so declared by the Acting Chairman.
3. Wastewater Treatment Plant Highlights: Dave B. reported that there were no events to report from March or April at the Wastewater Plant. He stated that sludge is being shipped to

Claremont and that Mike Rainey from DES, who had been at the plant to take sludge samples, had been impressed with the dewatering operation.

Dave B. stated that there is a need to set costs for septage receiving as septic haulers are starting to ask about dumping at the Wastewater Plant. Dave B. stated that he has received pricing from around the state and gave some of the amounts that various town's charge for septic receiving. Paul M. questioned how the money would be collected and if there would need to be a billing system. Dave B. stated that Claremont had the haulers fill out a form and pay according to how much they dumped in a month from that form. There was some discussion regarding how the funds received from septic receiving would be handled between the two towns and the fact that it should be split via the same percentage as the expenses are set at in September. David C. made a motion to charge 10 cents a gallon for septage received from only New London and Sunapee residences, with a minimum \$50.00 charge, seconded by Anthony B., New London voted in favor of the motion, Sunapee voted in favor of the motion, the motion passes, so declared by the Acting Chairman.

4. Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade: Neil C. presented the monthly budget report for the project in the amount of \$2,618.54, and reported that the punch list is mostly completed including the replacement of two of the pumps that had been flooded. He stated that the remaining pumps will be replaced in June and that he will be checking the punch list items and approving a balancing change order to finish the project. There was some discussion regarding the certified start up and training on the replacement pumps. Neil C. stated that to end out the project New London's loan will end up being what was projected and that Sunapee would be leaving some grant funds unused.
5. Flow Ratios and Metering: Kim H. had handed out some meter information from October through March that shows New London's flow percentage to have dropped considerably from the information in the past couple of years. There was some discussion regarding meter readings and what differences there are in the flow ratios. There was some discussion regarding both Town's sharing meter reading information daily. It was decided that Dave B. will fax or e-mail the plant readings weekly for New London's review.

New London departed at 7:00 p.m.