

Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 25, 2015
Sunapee Town Offices

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

Also present: Holly Leonard and David Bailey.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

1. Forms for Signing:

May 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes: David C. made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Anthony B., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

May Sewer Purchase Journal: David C. made a motion to accept the Sewer Purchase Journal as written, seconded by Anthony B., after some discussion regarding Utility Partners, voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

May Perkins Pond Check Register: Anthony B. made a motion to accept the check register as printed, seconded by David C., after some discussion regarding the project, voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

May Water Purchase Journal: David C. made a motion to accept the Water Purchase Journal as written, seconded by Anthony B., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

2. Wastewater Treatment Highlights: Dave B. reported that the State had done its inspection of the Wastewater Plant yesterday and that he thinks that it went fairly well. Dave B. stated that he did test all of the alarms on the fifth of the month and that the Inspector was happy with the sheet he developed to document the alarm testing. Dave B. reported that he is having some issues with the size of the septage receiving tank size, the grit removal and that the SCADA was being worked on today. There was some discussion regarding the problems with the SCADA system and the contractor that installed and fixes the issues with it. Dave B. stated that overall things are working very well at the plant. Dave B. reported that Stearns has been cleaning out the wet wells at the pump stations as part of the yearly maintenance of them. Dave B. reported that quite a few residents have attached to the Perkins Pond Sewer and that things there are moving along well, he also has purchased some supplies for repairing the sewer there in case of issues and is hoping that the project will pay for these supplies.

Dave B. stated that he had met with a representative from Gorman Rup who was looking at the pump stations to give him a quote on replacing the pumps in the original ones.

Dave B. reported that at Jolyon Johnson's request he is going to have Scott Hazelton look at the reeds in that are apparently becoming invasive in Wendell Marsh area around the

Treatment Plant to see what can be done to stop them spreading. There was some discussion regarding where the department's liability for this issue may stand. Douglas G. questioned if EPA had responded at all to the letter yet, Dave B. stated that he had not heard from them in regards to the spills violation letter, but that he has heard from them that when they issue the new discharge permit they are going to lower the phosphorus limit from .75 to .5 and that they are going to put a limit on aluminum that is new. He is hoping that they will however be willing to stop the permit limit on cadmium and lead as they have consistently tested at below the detection limit.

Electrical Contract:

There was some discussion regarding who is responsible for the change in the cost from Eversource for the transformer and if this is the Engineers issue. There was some discussion about having Eversource split out the extra cost for the oversized transformer so that this can be dealt with between the Engineers and the Commission while the change in the electricity price would just be applied to the monthly billings. Neil C. and Eversource will be contacted to find out what can be done.

3. Water Treatment Highlights:

Dave B. reported that there have been a few lightning storms that blew some fuses at the water plants, but otherwise they have been running well. Dave B. stated that the hydrant on Winn Hill Road had been repaired and that one on High Street had been replaced. He reported that there is another hydrant on Pleasant Street that needs to be put in and that the department will be replacing a portion of that line as well.

David B reported that he needs to do some hydrant flow testing for the Town's insurance rating. There was some discussion regarding who would pay for this testing.

Dave B. stated that there had been a high reading on a SOC contaminant in Georges Mills and that because of this the testing for SOC's will have to be done more often until it is proven not to be an issue.

4. Old & New Business:

Theodore G. questioned how the manhole repair at Gavin's had gone, Dave B. reported that it went pretty well and that it is in. He reported that they had run across a piece of 4" plastic in there about 1 foot deep that no one seems to know what it was for. There was some discussion regarding what it may have been for.

David C. questioned what the outcome of the sanitary survey had been, Dave B. stated that he has not received a report from it yet and he reiterated what the concerns they had had on things and why.

6:40 p.m. Anthony B. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kurt M., voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.