



TOWN OF SUNAPEE
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
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**Board of Commissioners Meeting
October 27, 2016
Sunapee Town Offices**

PRESENT: Theodore Gallup-Chairman, Peter Hill, J. Anthony Bergeron, Gunter (Dundee) Nestler, Jimmy Williams.

Also present: Holly Leonard, David Bailey.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

1. Forms for Signing:

September 29, 2016 Meeting Minutes: Anthony B. made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Peter H., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

September Sewer Purchase Journal: Peter H. made a motion to accept the September Sewer Purchase Journal as written, seconded by Anthony B., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

September Water Purchase Journal: Peter H. made a motion to accept the Sunapee Water Purchase Journal as written, seconded by Anthony B., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

Electricity Contract: After some discussion, Anthony B. made a motion to authorize the Chairman to enter into a one year contract with Nextera for electricity, seconded by Jimmy W., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman.

Propane Contract: Dave B. handed out some e-mail correspondence with Dead River and Irving. Dave B. pointed out that entering into the contract with Dead River would mean that the Water & Sewer would stand to get reimbursed 14 cents less per gallon for what was remaining in the Irving tanks currently, and that this would result in approximately \$2,000 less being paid back to the departments than was paid originally for that propane. There was some discussion regarding how much propane was remaining in the Irving tanks currently and the fact that one of the e-mails stated that Dead River had withdrawn their proposal for the Water & Sewer. Anthony B. made a motion to enter into the contract offered by Irving, seconded by Peter H., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the chairman. There was some discussion regarding gasoline and that a lot of money can be saved currently by purchasing it from T-bird. Dave B. stated that he does not like having a credit card such as the one that Circle K had offered the department. Theodore thinks that Dave B. should have one card in his possession to be handed out for buying gasoline. The Commission would have Dave B. speak with Chief Cahill to find out how their account works and see if Water & Sewer can get in on a similar deal.

2nd Billing Warrants for 2016: Holly L. presented that the Water Billing Warrant was for the amount of \$279,687.88 and the Sewer Billing Warrant was for the amount of \$350,263.96. Anthony B. made a motion to approve both the Sewer Rent Collectors Warrant and the Water Rent Collectors Warrant for the second half of 2016 in the amounts presented, seconded by Peter H., after some discussion regarding collection of past due invoices, voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.

There was some discussion regarding irrigation bills that had not been charging the Town Recreation Department and the High School, as well as the extremely high water usage at three of the fields over the summer.

2. Wastewater Treatment Highlights: Dave B. reported that the Freightliner had been taken to New York by Fairfields to have the vacator unit installed on it. He stated that he hoped that it would be back in time to take the next truckload of sludge to Claremont. Dave B. stated that they had stopped adding the Poly Aluminum Chloride (PAC) and that everything seems to be going well with the phosphorus and aluminum levels leaving the plant. There was some discussion regarding how much PAC costs and the potential savings of not using it anymore. Dave B. is currently thinking about draining one of the ditches for the winter but is not sure if this will happen or not.

Dave B. reported that the Highway Director had received a quote of \$17,000 to do the paving at the Treatment Plant, Dave B. had requested a quote from Black Top but did not receive one and he did receive a quote from William Young for \$12,500 and Young can do the paving sometime next week. Anthony B. questioned how much asphalt it may take, and Dave B. responded that he thinks it is approximately 100 tons. Anthony B. stated that he did not think that the Young quote was far out of order. Anthony B. made a motion to utilize Youngs Paving at \$12,500 to pave at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, seconded by Jimmy W., voted unanimously in favor, so declared by the Chairman. Dave B. stated that he had been approached by a contractor about taking septage from Great Island where they are experiencing problems with their septic system. Dave B. stated that he has found that most of the homes on Great Island are in Newbury and that the septic system for the island is in Newbury also. There was some discussion regarding separating the Sunapee septic and that not being possible, taking Towns other than Sunapee and New London's septic, and what would be a fair amount to charge other Towns. There was much discussion regarding how the septage would get to land from the island. The Commission will keep this in consideration until it is actually ready to be done.

3. Water Treatment Highlights:

Dave B. reported that some hydrants have been repaired and that he is questioning whether to flush hydrants this year during the drought. Dave B. stated that he does not have a problem with flushing hydrants but that he thinks it may look bad to the full flushing during the drought. Dave B. stated that he thinks he will do limited flushing in Sunapee in order to alleviate some of the worst water quality problem areas and that he is also going to flush during the day this time instead of at night. There was some discussion regarding the Town of Sunapee having plenty of water despite the drought. Dave B. stated that Terry Mcateer on Burkehaven Road is looking for a letter stating that the Water Department is not going to use the water line that runs through his property anymore. The Commission will have a letter drafted and sent to him stating that the Water department has no intentions of using that water line again.

4. Old & New Business: 2017 Draft Budgets: There was some discussion regarding the newly redone budgets and what the Town is doing with wages. The Commission approved presenting the budgets as drafted at the Budget Presentation tomorrow.

The next meeting will be held November 17th.

7:16 p.m. Peter H. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dundee N., voted unanimously in the affirmative, so declared by the Chairman.

Submitted by Holly Leonard.

Approved by the Water & Sewer Commission this _____ day of _____, **2016.**

Theodore Gallup-Chairman

Gunter (Dundee) Nestler

David Cain

Kurt Markarian

Anthony Bergeron

Jimmy Williams

Peter Hill