

Hooksett Sewer Commission
August 2, 2011
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM. Present were Chairman Sidney Baines, Commissioner Raymond Robb, Commissioner Roger Bergeron, Superintendent Bruce Kudrick, Todd Lizotte of the Hooksett Town Council and Bethany Hague.

APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES FROM JULY 19, 2011

Commissioner Bergeron made a motion to accept the July 19, 2011 meeting minutes as read. Commissioner Robb seconded. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED AND SIGNED MANIFESTS

READ CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCIAL REPORT – There was no financial report.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

MEETING REGARDING PSNH DISCHARGE – Representatives from Manchester, Concord, Allenstown and Merrimack and Hooksett Wastewater Plants had a meeting regarding the possibility of accepting industrial discharge from PSNH’s new scrubber unit. Allenstown had been told that if they accept the discharge, they would have to start performing four additional tests. The group wanted to know why the tests were needed, and what the costs would be incurred. Since the facility is not online yet, the exact chemical make-up of the waste is not known, which could lead to further testing in the future if the plants decide to accept it. More information will be needed to make an informed decision in the matter. It was suggested that people meet with Jeff Andrews and/or George Carlson from NH DES regarding the matter.

TESTING IFAS 8/1/11 – Don Graves came up and the plant did a stress test on the screens for the IFAS system. Although the test was able to get 3.9 million gallons through the screens, the level in the tank raised 10 inches. Although Krueger gave high numbers of gallons that could go through the screens, it looks like the numbers were based on CLEAN media, not a tank under normal use, which includes rags.

Using the same air level the system was at back in March, it was found that there are large amount of disks that stick together for blocks of time, which are eventually blown apart by the air going through the tanks. This could have led to the problems experienced. It is not known if the problem will fix itself when the whole system is up and running; it will have to be monitored closely. Don Graves also wanted to find out if there were disks getting to the bottom of the tanks, or if they are clumping more in the middle. What is known is that the electricity needed for this system is almost double what was quoted, which is undermining the budget for the operation. They will explore the possibility of installing pipes in the tanks that could distribute air better and prevent the clumping.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

5 UNIT SUBDIVISION AVON/THAMES ROAD – *Hartley Cranton* – Mr. Cranton came to the Board to discuss a five unit subdivision located up in the Granite Heights area. The 5 units would consist of two duplexes and one freestanding house. Because of the terrain and the prohibitive cost of laying water lines, the single house will be on a well, but will use sewer. Each unit will have ejector pumps to bring the waste to the main line. Mr. Cranton has already bought 4 units for this project, and needed a letter stating the other unit would be available if the planning board accepted his proposal. He was told the planning board would be informed that the capacity would be available for the project.

CONCERNS REGARDING ELECTRICAL WORK – *Pete Boettcher* - Mr. Boettcher came before the Board to express his concerns regarding installing the alarm systems for the tanks. As Richardson Electric had done the work under the PHASE 2 and 2A contracts, any additional work by him could include him in any future litigation. His solution was to set up the alarm system, but NOT hook up to the main power source which would get around any warranty concerns. The Board gave the approval for that plan and asked that the alarms get put in as soon as possible.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 1:22 PM Commissioner Bergeron motioned to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II (a). All in favor. At 1:27 PM the Commissioners came out of non public session. There were no decisions.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

An unplanned meeting with John Peltonen, Nelson Thibault, Steve Sylvan and the Board occurred to discuss remedial/preventative measures for the ongoing project. After a long discussion, the Commissioners authorized Graves Engineering to provide engineering services for these measures as suggested and approved in a letter by the NH Department of Environmental Services dated July 27, 2011. These additional services will include the internal bypass pipes in the IFAS reactors.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bergeron motioned to adjourn at 4:17 PM, Commissioner Robb seconded. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Commissioner Raymond Robb
Clerk