

Hooksett Sewer Commission
October 6, 2014
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM. Present were Chairman Sidney Baines, Commissioner Frank Kotowski, Commissioner Roger Bergeron, Superintendent Bruce Kudrick and Bethany Hague. Senator David Boutin was also in attendance.

APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 8TH 2014 AND SEPTEMBER 22ND 2014.

Commissioner Bergeron made a motion to approve the September 8th and September 22nd minutes as read. Commissioner Kotowski seconded. All in favor, motions carried unanimously.

APPROVE AND SIGN MANIFESTS

READ CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCIAL REPORT – There was no financial report.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

PENTA – Supt. Kudrick informed the board that the last of the modifications should be done by Penta soon, and that the state has been made aware of what is being done.

SCHOOL TOURS – The fourth grade classes from the Memorial School will be coming on the 8th. They will be coming in four different groups and will listen to a talk from Supt. Kudrick before going on a tour of the plant.

BOW POWER PLANT CONTRACT – The contract for the Wastewater Plant to accept the graywater from the PSNH plant in Bow is up for renewal again. After some discussion, Commissioner Bergeron made a motion to sign the contract. Chairman Baines voted no. Commissioner Kotowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NH REST AREAS – Supt. Kudrick has installed a flow meter to measure the usage at the rest areas. There has been a significant jump in usage since the bathrooms came on-line. The flows will be measured until Columbus Day so that he can see how the usage is affected with the holiday traffic.

ROUTE 3A – 59 feet of pipe was installed on 3-A to fix the pitch problem. However, the fix was not as big as originally thought and Supt. Kudrick is waiting on an amended bill for the project.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

WALMART DISCUSSION – *State Senator David Boutin* - Sen. Boutin was asked to attend this meeting by Chairman Baines to discuss the lack of communication with Walmart. Sen. Boutin had given the name and contact information for one of the Walmart regional directors to

Chairman Baines in order to find out if Walmart would be going forward with plans to install sewer lines to the plant. Chairman Baines has both emailed and left telephone messages with the representative, but has received no response. Chairman Baines wanted to ask Senator Boutin what his thoughts were on this problem. Dean Shankle, Town Administrator, arrived for his appointment and joined the discussion. Commissioner Kotowski asked if the Planning Board should ask Walmart what the status is of their septic system expansion if they are not going forward with laying sewer lines. Mr. Shankle asked if the Sewer Commission should just go to Bass Pro Shops and ask if they wanted to take over the project. Chairman Baines replied that he and Commissioner Kotowski had spoken with the Manager of the Bass Prop Shop, but had had no further contact from Bass Pro. He also stated that the current plan has sewer lines going through the Walmart parking lot. After some discussion it was decided that Mr. Shankle will contact the Town Attorney and have him contact Walmart's attorney to see what the status of the project is.

LILAC BRIDGE – *Dean Shankle - Hooksett Town Administrator, Craig Mussleman, Joe Ducharme, Jason Gallant (by telephone) from CMA Engineers, Leo Lessard – Hooksett Public Works Director* – These gentleman came before the board to discuss the plans for the Lilac Bridge. The only bid given for the stabilization of the bridge was for 1.95 million, and the work would only guarantee another 5 years to the bridge before something else would have to be done to keep it safe. The general consensus was that the bridge needs to be torn down, but as it is historic, it will have to go through processes with the state historic commission. The general time frame for approval of the dismantling and of new plan would be 6-8 months. This will give everyone the time they need to step back and properly bid the project. It was asked if the cost of demolition had been assessed. Mr. Gallant told the group that it would be between 1.3 and 1.6 million dollars. The state will still contribute \$560,000 to the project, and Mr. Shankle stated that there are reserve funds for the town that could be used for the remainder.

Discussion then centered on creating a short-term emergency plan for the sewer line attached to the bridge in case of the bridge's collapse. Mr. Gallant suggested that a formal plan be drawn up by Supt. Kudrick so that it can be presented to the state to show that contingency plans are in place. Supt. Kudrick was asked how long it would be if the bridge collapsed before the sewer line was again up and running. Supt. Kudrick replied between 1-6 hours, and the environmental impact would be minimal. The general consensus was that the bridge should be torn down and a walking bridge built, and the sewer line would then be attached to it. All the work should wait for the spring so that a better bidding process could be held. A contingency plan regarding any collapse of the bridge and/or destruction of the sewer pipe will be drawn up and submitted to the State.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE OVERTIME POLICY - Commissioner Kotowski made a motion to accept the amended version of the overtime policy. Commissioner Bergeron seconded. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

SCADA TRAINING – Linda O'Keefe informed the Commissioners that there is a SCADA training course being held in January. Commissioner Kotowski made a motion to send two

employees to the training. Commissioner Bergeron seconded. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

MANCHESTER SAND AND GRAVEL – David Campbell informed Chairman Baines that a buyer has been found for the land directly across from the Sewer Commission’s land at the Industrial Park. There will be a new road installed that will give the Commission’s land 200 feet of frontage.

SCHOOL LAND – The Sewer Commission needs to meet the Superintendent of Schools as well as members of the School Board to discuss the need for the Sewer Commission to obtain the seven acres of land owned by the school for future expansion of the plant.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

The Board did not go into non-public session.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bergeron motioned to adjourn at 1:26 PM, Commissioner Kotowski seconded. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Commissioner Frank Kotowski
Clerk