

SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING OF March 6, 2013



Meeting called to order 4:15pm. Camera activated.

Attending: Mike Dupuis, Rich Russell, Dick Dionne, Jack McDonough, Steve Beckert, Nancy Boyce, Grant Hirst, Janice Hastings, Charlie Bradstreet, Dan Blanchette (part of the time); Keith Pratt, Underwood Engineers, Jack Murphy, BOS Liaison, Bob Pomerleau, public

Minutes of 2-20-13 approved with one comment

Virtually the entire meeting revolved around Keith Pratt's sewer rate analysis, part of which tracked fairly well with the rate analysis that the Sewer Committee Subcommittee on rates recently reviewed.

There was a disconnect, however, with the number of meters vs the number of distinct customers who pay bills. The Sewer Committee and the rate subcommittee has for some time been on the assumption that there were 641 or so who paid bills and it was on that basis that we have been doing our work for several years. Wendy advised Joel that there are 555 meters. But it appears there are some addresses where more than one bill is paid- such as the owner of a multiple occupant residence or business.

Keith had used 592 as the number on which he based his analysis. He was given a copy of the subcommittee notes from its last meeting. We will have to resolve the discrepancy between 592 and 641- which should be easy to do.

Rich Russell explained that the EPA/DES are starting to get really demanding on issues of discharge of sewage/wastewater into the river (and river nitrogen and phosphorus levels) and that at some point everyone is going to be impacted and we are going to be forced to construct sewer in certain target areas. Marshwood Jr. High may well need to be sewered before long.

Janice Hastings is going to take a shot at constructing a mission statement from work previously done.

Next meeting March 20, 2013

Michael Dupuis; chairperson
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