

**TOWN OF ELIOT
SEWER COMMITTEE MINUTES
Minutes for May 4, 2011**



1. The meeting was called to order at 4:15

Members present: Dick Dionne, Michael Dupuis, Nancy Shapleigh, Steve Beckert, Grant Hirst, Jack Murphy

Absent: Russ Sylvester, Rich Russell

Also present: Don Sylvester, Jim Marchese, CEO, Dan Blanchette, Joel Moulton, Shirley Jacques

2. Minutes of the April 20, 2011 were read and approved.
3. Underwood Engineers are nearly finished with their I&I flow study. An area of concern is the manhole at intersection of Cove Road and Main Street which shows excessive flows of a periodic (pulsing) nature. These continue to be monitored, with the intention of following the flow upstream to its source. As part of this, Pump station 1 is measured each day.
4. The 3-fold brochure developed by Jim Marchese is now finished. It will be printed in color, 500 copies, and Jim will also put it on line.
5. Jim Marchese reported that Bill Cullen, owner of the force-main on Greenwood Street, is trying to have a video made of the line, and pressure tests also. Michael Dupuis' Company is doing the work for Mr. Cullen; Mike wondered if his committee membership caused a conflict of interest. The consensus was NO, because it was not a Town expense.

- Grant Hirst suggested that we should have a form that sewer installers could use to help insure that correct required procedures are followed. Jim Marchese will create a checklist to accomplish this. This would become part of the "as-built" record.

Jim mentioned other changes needed in the sewer ordinance. Joel said that the Planning Board procedures should identify more completely to every applicant that the sewer ordinances also have to be followed.

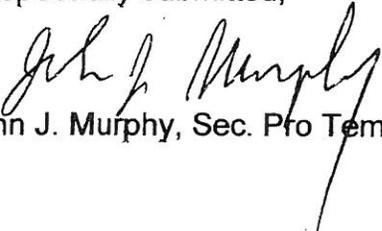
- Michael Dupuis distributed a schematic diagram of the "E-1" (environment/one Co.) sewer pump installed at single homes. He then showed an actual e-1 pump unit, and explained all its pipes, valving, switches, etc. and how it sits in its specially sized tank. He also explained that a proper installation needs to have a 1,000-gallon holding tank between the house and the pump, to allow the household to function for some hours when the pump breaks down. Don Sylvester explained that when Eliot's system was built the "Feds" required the houses at low elevations down near the river to be serviced by these individual pumps rather than install a very deep (and very expensive) gravity line through all that ledge, and that these pumps were to be (and are) owned by the Town.

6. Don Sylvester presented the latest April monthly flow measurement: 7,472,400 gallons; this figure contains the flow for 6 days in March.

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- Jack distributed copies of the letter the IMA Committee sent to Jon Carter and the Kittery Council, to explain that Eliot is not "dragging our feet", but are conscientiously and methodically preparing what we feel is the IMA needed by Eliot now and in the future.
 - Grant Hirst wondered what message should be sent next to sewer users. Mike Dupuis said that he understands that a homeowner is (legally) responsible for flow problems all the way to the main, not just to the end of the lateral serving their house.
7. Next meeting scheduled for May 18 at 4:15 PM. (Nancy Shapleigh said she would be absent. Steve Beckert said he might not be here also.)
8. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,


John J. Murphy, Sec. Pfo Tem.

*Approved at Meeting of June 1, 2011
John J. Murphy, Chairman*