

74B-3125

Sewer Committee meeting June 3, 2015

Present: Mike Dupuis, Richard Dionne, Steve Beckert, Grant Hirst

Absent: Nancy Shapleigh, Jack McDonough, Rich Russell

Others: Jack Murphy, Joel Moulton

Meeting opened 4:16 PM Quorum declared, Grant was asked to vote, camera activated

Minutes of May 6, 2015 read and accepted with minor corrections.

Mike asked about the possibility of a phone tree being set up where sewer users would be called and urged to support the upcoming sewer funding article. It was agreed that such an advocacy project was not a proper function of the Sewer Committee; and that if any such project were to be initiated, it should be done by the sewer users themselves.

It was pointed out that if the sewer funding article on the upcoming warrant were defeated, it was a good possibility that the next article to appear on a warrant would be funding 100% by the sewer users; and that they had a vested interest in getting the upcoming article passed. It appears that the sewer users have not to date been able to get together as a group to lobby for their own interests.

Grant asked if the formation of a sewer district should be considered, pointing out that he did not know if the idea had merit or not. Mike mentioned that a sewer district could well have access to federal/state money, which would not be available to the town. Establishing a Sewer District would also result in some level of loss of control by the town. Richard Dionne opined that a Sewer District might be better able to deal with another EPA order to expand sewer in town.

Grant stated that he would like to know and suggested that someone should consider setting up a person/entity to explore the concept. Mike will discuss it with Dana and that Dana has had some experience with it; and possibly could get us someone from the State (or elsewhere) to assist us to look into the idea.

Grant mentioned that MMA has indicated the possibility that our recent loss at PS#2 might be covered under our mechanical breakdown coverage and that Dana was working with MMA on it.

Next meeting June 17, 2015.

Meeting adjourned 5:12PM

Grant Hirst

Recording Secretary

*Michael Dupuis; CHAIRPERSON*

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