

Sewer Committee minutes July 16, 2014

Present: Jack McDonough, Nancy Shapleigh, Steve Beckert, Grant Hirst

Others: Joel Moulton, Jack Murphy, Lori Howell, Bob Pomerleau, Rebecca Davis

Absent: Mike Dupuis, Rich Russell, Richard Dionne

Meeting opened 4:20PM by acting Chair Jack McDonough.

Minutes of June 18, 2014 read and accepted with two corrections.

The elderly housing project for the corner of Bolt Hill Road and Rte 236 has been shelved. The application has been withdrawn and the 30,000 GPD reserved capacity will need to be cancelled. The Ted Long plan for the same location (on a different lot) has also been cancelled in favor of a NAPA Auto Parts store.

Lori expressed her appreciation for the fine job by all at the June 3rd sewer main break.

Lori Howell is concerned about the part of our sewer ordinance which requires automated metering of incoming water from Kittery Water and is seeking an abatement of sewer charges on the most recent bill, based on her use of that water, much of which does not need treatment.

One of her meters is accessible. The other is not without tearing apart a bathroom, and this is her busy season. She is now reading her own meters and submitting the quarterly reports to Barb, as she has been doing for the last 20 years.

The Sewer Committee may have no authority to grant such a waiver, and there doesn't seem to be a mechanism in place dealing with such waivers to users of the sewer, and so the Committee took no action and suggested that Lori meet with Dana, Joel, Mike Dupuis and Mike Rogers to see if there is a way forward with this.

Joel indicated the Underwood O & M rate study and plan would be forthcoming in the next month or two, and that it would address the requirement of making a charge (as mandated in the sewer ordinance) for those who reserve, but do not use, sewer capacity.

Joel is in the process of drafting a letter to the eight users of E1 pumps which will address procedures for when pumps go into alarm; and he will work on a plan for upgrading those alarms.

Next meeting August 20th.

Adjourned 5:05PM.

Grant Hirst

Recording Secretary

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Mike Dupuis → chair for R50a

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