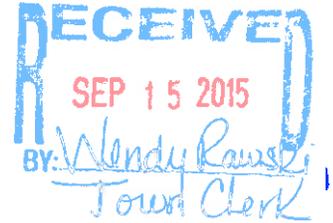


Sewer Committee meeting August 19, 2015



Attending: Mike Dupuis, Steve Beckert, Grant Hirst, Rich Russell, Jack McDonough, Nancy Shapleigh

Others: Jack Murphy, Dana Lee, Bob Pomerleau, Keith Pratt, Joel Moulton, Roland Fernald, Rebecca Davis, Sam Davis, Ed Strong, Donna Murphy, Phil Lytle, Dennis Lentz, Jim Tessier, Bob Fisher

Absent: Richard Dionne

The early meeting opened at 3:30 with extensive discussion of the potential for the formation of a Sewer District. It was clear that the Sewer Committee wants to be able to consult with people who know about the formation and pro's and con's of a sewer district. The name John True from Maine DES was brought up as someone who might be able to talk with us. Dana also found that that Kate Knox and Lee Bragg from Bernstein Schurr ^{Shurr} are experts on utilities and Dana was going to explore with the BOS how we might pay for their services; and also inquire if we could get a visit from John True.

Mike pointed out (twice) that elements of our sewage infrastructure are in in danger of catastrophic failure if we don't do repairs/upgrades in a timely way. Any overflow of sewage can be very expensive to mitigate, and if any flows into the river we could face very heavy fines. He pointed out that any such spillage forces JP Shellfish to shut down for three weeks.

Spinney Creek

Mike again pointed out that the emergency repairs to PS#2 were temporary only and that the State inspector, Bill Perry, expects us to make permanent repairs at an early date.

Mike mentioned that a back-up (local) alarm has been added for PS#2 and that a call tree exists for alarm events to make certain that the right people are called and the appropriate action taken.

There was discussion of how we are going to fund the repairs/upgrades that must be done, and that we need an "Option C" in the event of failure of the upcoming vote (in which the sewer users alone would have to absorb all of the \$1.5 million in costs). Option C would be the cost to make emergency repairs only and the number \$400,000 was mentioned, but this is only a guess.

Dana mentioned that the upcoming ECSD fall bulletin and Dana's fall newsletter will both mention the problems we have with the existing sewer system.

The meeting then retired to PS#2 and PS#1 so that all could see the installations and get a sense of the problems and proposed solutions. Keith Pratt and Joel answered numerous questions.

Next meeting will be September 2nd at 4:15PM.

Grant Hirst

Recording Secretary

*09-02-15 Michael Dupuis; chairperson
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