

SEWER COMMITTEE MINUTES MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2014

Present: Richard Dionne, Rich Russell, Mike Dupuis, Grant Hirst

Absent: Jack McDonough, Steve Beckert, Nancy Shapleigh

Others present: Jack Murphy, Keith Pratt (Underwood), Kevin & Donna Donahue (residents of 16 Spruce Lane), Lori Howell, Bob Pomerleau, David Walters & Richard Martin (both of Green Acres Baha'i School)

Meeting called to order 4:20 PM, video streaming activated

Minutes of July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting read and accepted with two corrections.

The meeting agreed to last month with Lori Howell, Dana Lee, Mike Dupuis, Mike Rogers and Joel took place and Lori's issues addressed. Kittery Water will install the appropriate metering equipment and then will read the meters electronically on a quarterly basis, therein allowing Lori to apply for an abatement of a portion of the sewer charge, in accordance with the abatement procedures in the new sewer ordinance.

It has been determined that the Baha'i installed and owns the 6" gravity line in Main Street- from their pumping facility to the manhole in Main Street at Clark Road (approximately 400'). The Baha'i would like the town to take over ownership of this section of sewer. Kevin & Donna Donahue would like the Baha'i's permission to discharge into it, via a roughly 100' connection from their home at 16 Spruce Lane to the connection Scott West on Spruce Lane, who already has connected to the existing Baha'i line. The Baha'i is not sure it wants to allow any further connections to their line (in addition to Scott West's connection and that of 950 Main Street) while they still own it. Donahue's proposed connection will be between himself and the Baha'i for now.

In order for the town to accept ownership of the line, all components of the sewer ordinance would have to be met by Baha'i, and that would include a video-camera examination of the line. It was not decided who would pay for that examination but compliance with the ordinance is the responsibility of the owner of the line.

We were presented with a Richard Martin letter of 8-20-14 to the Town from the Baha'i which sets forth their desire to give the sewer main to the town. We also got a copy of a letter from the Baha'i's David Walters to Kevin Donahue dated July 31, 2014 setting forth their terms for granting permission for Kevin's connection, which permission is contingent on the Town's taking over the line. (Both letters have been furnished to Dana Lee).

The Sewer Committee voted 3-0 (Richard Dionne motion, Rich Russell second, Grant abstaining) to recommend to the Selectmen that the Town accept ownership of the Baha'i line, contingent upon satisfactory inspection.

The Committee also voted 4-0 (Rich Russell motion, Richard Dionne second) to grant a 120 GPD sewer allocation to Kevin Donahue in anticipation of his arranging a connection to the Baha'l line.

Keith Pratt provided his rate analysis and recommendations, the only part of which was missing was his recommendation on the charge we should use for reserve capacity which is held but not used. He will get that to us in the near future. (A copy of this analysis has been provided to Dana Lee).

At this point the Recording Secretary had to leave for another meeting, and I understand that Chairman Dupuis declared there was no longer a quorum and the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 PM.

While it was not announced, the third Wednesday of September is the 17<sup>th</sup> so it is assumed that September 17<sup>th</sup> will be the date of the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Hirst

Recording Secretary